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MOBILIZE FOR SIGNATURE DRIVE

UNITED FRONT ELECTION CONFERENCE TO PUT COMMUNIST PARTY ON BALLOT CALLED FOR SUNDAY MARCH 27

Will Work Out Plans for Collection of 23,000 Signatures Necessary; All Workers' Organizations Urged to Send Delegates

23,000 signatures must be collected to put the Communist Party on the ballot for the coming elections.

On Sunday, March 27, at 10 a.m. at the District Office of the Communist Party, 1164 Market Street, the United Front Conference to work out plans for the collection of these signatures, will be held.

Delegates are expected from a great number of unions, fraternal and other militant workers' organizations.

COMMITTEE ISSUES STATEMENT

The Election Campaign Committee states that: "The elections this year are of vital importance for California workers. Never before in the history of the country have such fierce attacks been made by the bosses on the living standards of the working class. Hundreds of thousands of California workers and poor farmers are unemployed. The recent railroad and building trades wage cuts are but forerunners of the general wage cutting drive now under way.

WAR DEVELOPMENTS

The present war developments in China and Manchuria, where the United States government is secretly co-operating with Japan in the war on the Chinese masses and the war provocation by Japanese armies against the Soviet Union, are of tremendous importance for the workers on the Pacific Coast."

The committee further stated:

"The Communist Party is the only party entering the election with a clear-cut platform against the present starvation conditions among the working class."

SIGNATURE LISTS READY

Calls to attend the conference have been sent out and thousands of signature lists printed. 100,000 election leaflets have also been prepared by the committee. Out of town organizations are urged to communicate with the Election Campaign Committee, 1164 Market Street, San Francisco, for campaign material and signature lists.

POLICE THUGS STOP CONCERT, BEAT UP NEGRO

LOS ANGELES, March 19. — A Negro worker, Samuel Jackson, was severely beaten when he was "taken for a ride" by four of the official gun thugs of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce "Red Squad," and five workers were arrested in an effort to strike terror into the hundreds of Negro workers who were going to the Paris Commune concert at Masonic Hall, 1050 E. 50th Street, here tonight.

Thirty members of the terror squad which is used by the Los Angeles bosses to prevent the starving Negro section of the city from organizing, swooped down on the meeting, searched the committee in charge of the concert, locked the doors, and stood guard to prevent any entering the hall.

The concert, which was scheduled to be held in the Negro section, was stopped. No reason was given except that the concert was to have been a "Red" concert.

Thousands of Negro workers have learned from this incident that the freedom guaranteed them by the constitution for the right to assemble, has been changed by the Chamber of Commerce and their mercenary gun thugs to mean freedom to starve. The Negro masses have learned that they must organize and struggle side by side with the white workers in spite of all the merciless terror that the frantic bosses send against them.

There was no pretense of legality in the raid, and all those arrested were freed to prevent the matter from gaining any further publicity.

FORCE POLICE TO GIVE PERMIT FOR STREET MEETINGS

Phoenix Workers Demand Investigation of Police Who Tried to Prevent Lecture

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 20.—The police have again failed in their efforts to stop Communist meetings in Phoenix.

The city manager and the chief of police both denied before a committee made up of workers and old time residents, that they were responsible for the closing of the A. H. Hall before the meeting on February 28. However, the owner of the hall testifies that several uniformed bulls came to his home and ordered him to surrender the keys of the hall, saying the police department would not allow any Communist meetings in Phoenix.

Over 400 workers had come to listen to the lecture, "Why Capitalism Must Be Replaced By Communism." As the hall was locked and guarded many went home, but over 100 workers marched through the streets to a vacant lot. They cheered the speakers and booed the police in their attempt to break up the meeting.

The workers' protest against the police action forced the chief to agree that future indoor meetings would not be interfered with.

A resolution has been filed with the City Commission to investigate the police department, to find out just who is responsible as long as the chief denies he is.

The Communist Party of Phoenix is here to stay in spite of all attempts of the police and Chamber of Commerce to break it up. For further information write or come to 1118 E. Monroe Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

SANDLER TO RUN FOR L. A. MAYOR AS WORKERS' REP.

Communist Party Nominates Candidate; Cites Corruption of Porter Regime

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—Citing figures and payroll reduction statistics of Los Angeles, the Sandler-for-Mayor Committee, with headquarters in Room 410, 224 South Spring Street, today issued a statement holding the Porter administration largely responsible for "terrible reductions in the standard of living of the workers" of Los Angeles. The statement follows:

"The people of Los Angeles have demanded the recall of Mayor Porter, who has made his administration infamous by the starvation, police brutality, corruption and vice which characterize his rule. It is with justification that this rotten administration has become known as the "Cossack Porter Government."

"While the elementary rights of workers to meet, assemble and petition were abolished, crime and corruption have become so great that Los Angeles is now listed as the third city of the country—insofar as crime and vice conditions are concerned.

"The most important question for workers is: How can I vote so as to reduce suffering due to unemployment, wage cuts, etc.?

"Los Angeles city and county are more seriously affected by the economic crisis than any other city or county in California. Statistics for the past year amply demonstrate this. According to official reports of the State Labor Commissioner, the entire state recorded a drop in employment of 18.6 per cent for the year ending March 1, 1932; in Los Angeles this drop hit the low level of 21.2 per cent.

"The same applies to figures covering payroll reductions. Throughout the state, for the year ending March 1, 1932, the cut amounted to 32.1 per cent, but in Los Angeles it totaled 36.4 per cent. Those who were employed suffered more drastic pay cuts in Los Angeles than in the rest of the state. In the year just ended average earnings

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WELFARE COMMITTEE FORCED TO GRANT UNEMPLOYED HEARINGS

Charity Workers and Unemployed Council to Present Demands for $5.00 a Day for All Charity Workers

Over 100,000 unemployed workers in San Francisco are being reduced by the Rolph-Rossi "relief" to beggars, paupers and charity wards. Unemployed heads of families—10,000 at this time—with over a thousand added each month, are forced to work on city-charity jobs for a meager box of groceries.

COMMITTEE IGNORES DEMAND FOR HEARING

On March 7 the Board of Supervisors, through Chairman Supervisor Hayden, at first agreed to give the committee of workers on the city-charity jobs a hearing, but fearing the exposure of the city-charity graft racket, adjourned, passing the buck to the Public Welfare Committee.

The Public Welfare Committee likewise held a meeting on Friday, March 11, without notifying the Committee of City-charity Workers to present their demands for five dollars a day instead of groceries, and also to bring up the complaints on shortened boxes of groceries.

The Public Welfare Committee, after listening to Wollenberg (the

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WORKERS WIN LONG BEACH TRIAL!

Red Army Marching to Defend Chinese Soviet Districts



This is a section of the workers' and peasants' army that has three times driven back the crack divisions of white armies sent by the treacherous Kuomingtang betrayers of the Chinese masses. It is reported that over 1,000,000 workers and peasants are armed to defend the Chinese Soviets, which cover over one-fifth of China.

CASE DISMISSED WHEN JURY DEADLOCKED SIX TO SIX; 12 HELD FOR DEPORTATION

Mass Pressure of Workers' Organizations Throughout State Prevent Court from Railroading 45 Workers to Jail

LONG BEACH, Calif., March 22.—A powerful victory for the workers in their fight against the latest attempt of the California bosses to drive the Communist Party underground was won here today when the jury trying 45 workers for "unlawful assembly" disagreed and the case was thrown out of court.

After 30 hours deliberation the jury was discharged, deadlocked six to six. On the proposition to find the leaders guilty and let the rest go, the jury voted seven to five.

Bail for the workers has been released.

The fight to free the 12 workers held on deportation charges must now begin, and the campaign to collect the 20,000 signatures necessary to put the Communist Party on the ballot in the presidential elections must now become the task of the workers in California.

TESTIMONY OF "EXPERTS" REFUTED

Freedom of the 45 workers was won through mass pressure despite the vicious lies of witnesses for the prosecution, which depended chiefly upon testimony of such "Red Experts" as Thug Hynes and his "Red Squad." Attempts to terrify the jury into convicting the workers on the superficial charges that the Communist Party is a secret organization aiming to destroy the government "by force and violence" failed when the workers took the witness stand in self-defense and clearly outlined the aims of the Communist Party as a leader of workers' struggles to better their conditions.

Sam Darcy, District Organizer of the Communist Party and editor of the Western Worker, one of the 12 defendants, testified for nine days, reading and explaining books and pamphlets that clearly proved that the testimony of the prosecution was completely fabricated and had no basis in fact.

The jury was further won over by the testimony of the five defense witnesses following Darcy—Wilensky, Fukunaga, Singh, Wilson and Sandler—who explained the police beatings administered to the workers by the same "Red Experts" who had been trying to prove the Party advocated terrorist tactics.

In summing up, Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, completely exposed the lies of the prosecution witnesses.

FLOOD OF PROTEST TELEGRAMS

An important factor which contributed to the workers' victory was the flood of telegrams that continued to pour in on the mayor of Long Beach from workers' organizations protesting against the trial outrage and police terror in Long Beach. The enthusiasm of the workers in the courtroom observing the trial (many joined the Party as a result of the trial) also contributed to forcing the judge to be neutral.

Long Beach Trial Review

The next issue of the Western Worker will carry a full review and analysis of the Long Beach trial written by Sam Darcy, one of the 45 defendants and editor of the Western Worker. This article, which will serve as valuable information in future workers' defense cases, should be read and circulated by every worker.

REVOLT FLARES IN MANCHURIA; JAPANESE RUSH MORE TROOPS TO KILL PEASANTS, WORKERS

War Minister in Veiled Threat to the Soviet Union — Again Attempts to Use Chinese Eastern Railway

MUKDEN, March 22. — Widespread revolt against the new Japanese puppet government of Manchuria broke out at widely separated points today.

One thousand cavalrymen mutinied at Fu-Yu in Kirin province. At Nanhuato 140 Chinese workers were slain by Japanese troops on the old fake charge of being bandits.

General Tamon, the notorious butcher who was in charge of the army of invasion of Manchuria, has been put in charge to drown in blood these revolts of Manchurian workers and peasants, incensed at the ruthless domination of the Japanese imperialist forces.

The Japanese are again attempting to use the Chinese Eastern Railway for the transport of troops to Imienpo, close to the Soviet Siberian border.

Reports from Tokio state that the minister of war, Araki, has demanded that more troops be sent to Manchuria, brazenly claiming that "for half a year less than 30,000 Japanese troops have maintained peace and order in Manchuria and Mongolia."

"The peace development in Manchuria is vital to Japan from the standpoint of national defense. Therefore, it is necessary that the present strength be maintained and even larger forces stationed there if possible."

That war provocations against the Soviet Union are assuming alarming proportions, was clearly exposed in Araki's further statement "that the present situation, from some standpoints, was even more serious than the Russo-Japanese war of 1905."

The so-called truce at Shanghai, arranged by the sell-out of the treacherous Kuomintang regime, enables large reinforcements to be brought to Manchuria. Thus the danger of an attack on the workers' republic becomes more and more acute.

The All-American Anti-Imperialist League and the Friends of the Soviet Union have issued a call for a broad, united front conference of all workers' organizations to protest against the war on the Chinese and Manchurian workers and peasants and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

Anti-Imperialist League
1179 Market St., San Francisco

Daily Worker Must Receive Aid at Once

Slowness of workers and organizations to send money to the Daily Worker to fight off bill collectors, continues to threaten the existence of our militant daily paper.

At this crucial time when the prostitute press of the bosses is spending millions to force the working class to accept a new war as a way out of the crisis, to whitewash the murderers Ford, Cermak, Walker and Rockefeller and their hired killers, and to accept wage-cuts and lay-offs, we need the Daily Worker.

Only working-class dollars, nickels and dimes will save the workers' paper that organizes us for struggle against the attempts of the bosses to load the burden of the crisis onto the backs of workers.

By exposing the aims and vicious acts of the capitalists to the workers, the Daily Worker is organizing the working class to destroy the bosses' system of starvation and war.

Don't wait!

Rush funds to the DAILY WORKER, 50 E. 13th Street, New York City.

1,500 Miners Stop Scabbing in Mines

ATHENS, O., March 17. — Mass picketing by nearly 1500 miners prevented the reopening of the Black Diamond Coal Company's mine at Lathrop, near here, today, by 60 scabs.

Despite the attack of sheriffs' deputies and the Ohio national guard upon the pickets with gas bombs, the picket lines held firm and forced the mine superintendent to "postpone" opening of the mine.

Under the leadership of the National Miners' Union, ten thousand miners in Athens district are striking against starvation conditions among miners and their families.

Worker Candidate for Education Board Put Up in Richmond

RICHMOND, March 21.—Florence Crook, working-class candidate for the Richmond Board of Education, is expected to carry most of the workers' votes on election day, March 25, as her platform contains the following concrete demands against the starvation platform of Downer, her banker opponent:

ENDORSED BY COMMUNIST PARTY

1. Free lunches, clothing and carfare for the unemployed, part-time and striking workers' children.
2. Free school equipment for workers' children.
3. The right for all workers' children to have free access to all games and playgrounds.
4. The right of all children to organize into militant organizations of their own.
5. The right of a joint committee of working-class parents and workers' children to select text books for the schools.
6. The right of workers' children to observe all labor holidays and actively participate in all struggles in which their parents are involved.
7. For the immediate abolition of child labor in any form and support of those children from city funds.

WORKING CLASS MOTHER

Florence Crook is a former Standard Oil worker and a mother

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MINERS PICKET SCRANTON MINE; DEFY POLICE BAN

Police Gangs Shoot 2 Bystanders and Arrest 102 Strikers But Strike Spreading

SCRANTON, Pa., March 19.—A brutal police attack on militant anthracite mine strikers resulted in the arrest of 102 workers here today. A ban against picketing was issued by the Scranton police last night after the indiscriminate shooting by police thugs of two bystanders, but the workers were undeterred by this action of the hired killers of the mine owners.

The demonstration which led to this mass arrest was held by miners who were attempting to prevent scabs from working in the huge Marvine mine in North Scranton.

STRIKE SPREADING

The strikers are making tremendous gains in the southern coal region, which includes Northumberland, Schuykill, Columbia and Monouur counties.

The Miners in the Hocking Valley bituminous coal fields, in Athens, Ohio, are fighting against the wholesale importation of scabs.

Police attacks also took place at

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MISLEADERS SELL OUT STRIKE OF 5,000 TUNA FISHERMEN

Crews Forced to Accept "Open Ticket" Settlement—Will Be at Mercy of Canneries at End of the Season

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 22.—Fast work on the part of the leaders of the American Fishermen's Tuna Boat Association resulted in the sell-out of the strike of 5,000 tuna fishermen who have been striking to force the cannery owners to guarantee them a living wage.

BOATS PUT TO SEA

The sell-out was complete today when three boats left here for the tuna banks.

Betrayal of the fishermen by the "association" was engineered in order to prevent the Trade Union Unity League establishing a rank and file leadership of the strike.

Under terms of the "settlement" the fishermen are to resume operations on an "open ticket" with the understanding that the "association" will negotiate an agreement on the price of tuna by the end of the season. When the crews return they will be faced with the same situation as last year, when the canneries not only set their own price on fish but withheld one-third of the fishermen's earnings on the flimsy technicality that some of the boats had sold fish at prices lower than agreed.

RANK AND FILE AROUSED

The action of the A. F. T. B. association has aroused resentment among militant members of the "association" and other fishermen's unions and a growing movement is under way to form rank and file committees against the misleaders to take control of the association.

ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

Demand the Immediate Release of Tom Mooney

ROLPH STILL PASSES BUCK ON MOONEY CASE; MOTHER MOONEY ON TOUR FOR SON'S FREEDOM

Tom Proud That Mother Works for Freedom of All Class War Prisoners

As Governor Rolph vacillates and postpones action which will give Tom Mooney, veteran class war prisoner, unconditional pardon, San Francisco workers are planning a huge parade and mass meetings to demand his immediate release.

Rolph's hesitation shows his fear of his capitalist masters, who are determined to keep Mooney in prison. Also it shows his fear of the indignation of the masses if he does not free Mooney.

On March 26 in San Francisco a parade of automobiles will demonstrate before Rolph's home. Every worker should be present. Following this parade a monster mass meeting will be held.

In Chicago on March 18, Mother Mooney, now touring the United States under the auspices of the International Labor Defense on behalf of her son's pardon, addressed a huge crowd of workers at the Coliseum, and read a letter from her son, written March 15. Extracts from this letter follow:

"On top of the terrible strain of the sixteen years' struggle we have gone through together, you risked your life in crossing the continent to inspire the militant workers, friends and sympathizers in their fight for my unconditional pardon. You are a symbol of the millions of militant self-sacrificing and toiling mothers.

"It gives me the greatest pride and joy that your motherly affections are not limited to your own flesh and blood, but you are demanding the liberation and support for the embattled miners of Harlan, Ky., and the Scottsboro victims of race and class prejudice and all political prisoners."

When Mother Mooney was in Washington she was refused an interview with Hoover.

The workers must double their efforts to force Mooney's freedom to answer Rolph's postponement policy and Hoover's cynical refusal to concern himself with the case.

SELF DEFENSE SCORES ANOTHER VICTORY IN COURT

Six workers arrested on Saturday, March 5, on the fight for the workers' right to speak at Third and Minna Streets, scored a victory when they appeared in Judge Lazarus' court on March 14.

This judge, who likes to pose as a "liberal," threatened to transfer the case to the vicious, labor-hating Steiger when the workers demanded a jury trial.

Led by the I. L. D. the workers fought their own case. They refused to be bribed by the judge's offers of "leniency." They stuck to their demand for a jury trial so that they could expose the police brutality before the workers of San Francisco.

FORCE JUDGE TO DISMISS CASES

This uncompromising stand finally forced the judge to dismiss the entire case. He stated he didn't care to spend the country's money as it was spent in the December 1st Mooney demonstration case, where workers' self-defense defeated the bosses' efforts to jail 25 militants.

MOONEY PARADE TO ROLPH'S HOUSE SATURDAY, MAR. 26

International Labor Defense Calls Workers to Demand Freedom of All Class-War Prisoners

The Paris Commune Week of mass struggle against all forms of boss terror will culminate Saturday, March 26, in au auto parade of workers through the main streets of the city to the home of Governor Rolph, 288 San Jose Avenue, to demand the immediate and unconditional freedom of Tom Mooney.

The demonstration of cars will assemble at 21st and Mission Street at 7:30 p.m. Large placards bearing slogans dramatizing the class issues around the Mooney case, the fight for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, and protesting the Dearborn massacre, will be carried by the cars and trucks.

Speakers at the protest meeting before the governor's house will review the latest developments in the Mooney case, stressing particularly the recent promise of Rolph to give a decision on it by April 1. The major defense issues around the Criminal Syndicalism Law, Imperial Valley cases, and the bloody Dearborn massacre will serve with the Mooney issue as mighty rallying points about which the Scottsboro, Harlan, and Tampa, Fla., cases will be drawn into this demonstration against boss terror and for the freedom of all class-war prisoners.

Street meetings will be held by the Communist Party on March 18 and 21, 7:30 p.m., at the following points: 21st and Mission, 18th and Mission, Haight and Fillmore, Ellis and Fillmore, Fillmore and O'Farrell, 3rd and Minna, Jackson and Kearny. On Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., the International Labor Defense will hold meetings at Fillmore and Ellis and 21st and Mission Streets.

All workers and sympathizers with cars or trucks who can participate in the demonstration for Mooney on the 26th are urged to communicate at once with the headquarters of the International Labor Defense, 1179 Market Street, telephone Underhill 3425.

Win 3-Day Strike Against Attempted 10c Per Hour Cut

A three-day strike of the Kehoe Display Company workers, 541 Market Street, was successful in preventing a 10c an hour cut in wages for the machinists. The workers struck 100 per cent when the cut was announced.

Machinists Local 68, to which the workers are affiliated, passed a resolution condemning Green, president of the A. F. of L., for his non-resistance to the nation-wide campaign of wage-cuts to which the bosses always refer when putting over a cut. The resolution was to the effect that the rapidly growing section of militant workers in the A. F. of L. are not being represented by the policies of Green, Woll and Company.

I. L. D. BAZAAR RAISES FUNDS FOR WORKERS' DEFENSE

Plans for June 5 Picnic; Organizations Asked To Keep Date Open

The International Labor Defense Bazaar at Mission Turn Hall on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, attracted hundreds of workers and sympathizers of many nationalities, who responded to the call for support of the struggle against boss-terror.

The hall was decorated with huge signs bearing slogans: "Smash the Criminal Syndicalism Law!" "Free the Six Imperial Valley Prisoners!" "Free Mooney and Billings!" "Free the Nine Scottsboro Boys!" "Release the Harlan, Ky., Miners!" and others.

I. L. D. LAUDS SUPPORT

District 13, I. L. D., wishes to convey its gratitude to all workers' organizations as well as individual sympathizers whose contributions and work made possible the success of the bazaar. The Food Workers' Industrial Union especially deserves appreciation. Its comrades took charge of the kitchen and worked throughout both days.

PICNIC JUNE 5

The I. L. D. announces preparations for a picnic on June 5 at East Shore Park in Richmond. All organizations are asked to keep this date open.

Tom and Mother Mooney at San Quentin



This photo of Tom Mooney bidding his Mother good-bye as he departs for the Death House at San Quentin 15 years ago, is exclusive to the Western Worker. The militant working-class mother is now touring the United States under the auspices of the International Labor Defense to rally the workers to demand the immediate and unconditional release of Tom Mooney.

ILLINOIS BOSSES ORDER GUARDS TO SHOOT MILITANT WORKERS

Terror on Large Scale Threatened as Last Resort to Halt Workers Organizing to Fight Against Starvation

Detailed instructions in the technique of shooting down workers protesting against starvation are contained in a booklet issued to the Illinois state militia.

Anticipating the growing struggles of the workers against increased unemployment and starvation conditions this winter, the booklet deals at great length with the "proper" way the national guard should "handle" demonstrations, adding that an "ambitious officer may, by decisive action and proper distribution of troops, achieve fame."

"Under no circumstances will blank ammunition be used" by the militia, the booklet says; "never fire over the heads of the rioters. The aim should be low with full charge ammunition."

LAWS WILL PROTECT MURDERERS

"Officers and men," says this butchers' handbook, which was issued by "command of Major General Keehn; Thomas R. Gowenlock, chief of staff," "should not fear reprisal in case one or more people are killed. The laws of most states and the common law which prevails in others provide that if it is not proven that the killing was through mere malice, wantonness or cruelty, a soldier is not punishable for such act, even though he uses bad judgment."

The most vulnerable point of attack to shoot against a mob," the guardsmen are told, is the rear and flank. "If it is impracticable to send a part of the command to the rear, the same result may be obtained by dispatching sharpshooters to roofs or upper stories of houses to pick off rioters in the rear of the mob."

In a recent issue of the New Leader, socialist party tabloid paper, attempts to "expose" the bosses' fascist tactics, but actually sounds a warning to capitalism that these tactics are a trifle too raw and in reality will only increase the militancy of the workers. The socialists utilize boss terror tactics for the purpose of organizing workers and then betray them into the hands of their class enemy. The socialist position is clearly seen in the following quotation from the New Leader on the vicious Illinois state militia booklet: "They (Norman Thomas and Clarence Senior, national secretary of the Socialist Party) have forwarded a stinging protest to congress demanding relief now rather than riots and bloodshed later."

The Detroit massacre, where national guard troops were called out, and the continual use of gun thugs in the mine area against the strikers, are glaring examples of these boss plans in action.

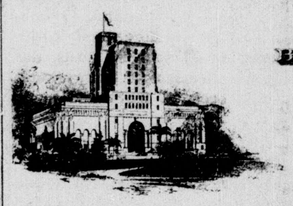
MASS ORGANIZATION TO STOP TERROR

Instead of organizing the workers for greater struggles and for defending themselves against boss machine-guns and tear gas, as was done under leadership of the Communist Party in Detroit, the "socialists" give friendly warning that unless some form of relief is granted by the government "riots and bloodshed" may be expected later.

Instead of organizing workers' defense squads to resist the attacks of police thugs, the "socialists" send "stinging rebukes" to congress, which quickly find neat repose in congressional waste baskets.

The Communist Party is leading an organized struggle of the workers against the fascist attacks of the bosses and only through these means will the workers be able to force relief from the bulging pocketbooks of capitalism.

ELKS 'MOBILIZE' TO FIGHT WORKERS



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SAN JOSE

November 19, 1931

GENERAL ORDER #1 - TO ALL CAPTAINS.

Upon receipt of this communication, all Captains will contact personally or by telephone, every available Elk in his precinct and invite and persuade him to attend the Lodge session of DECEMBER 2, at which will be presented the first demonstration of the need of the work of the Americanization Committee.

The MESSAGE for you to carry to every private in your company is:

"THIS MEETING will be the beginning of our answer to the threat of the Communist Party of Soviet Russia, against the government of the United States of America."

Signed Edw. A. Gibbs
Major

By order of the Board of Strategy

The above fascimile of a letter issued recently to "captains" of the "Benevolent" and Protective Order of Elks shows the connections of this organization with plans on foot, described in more detail in the accompanying article, of the bosses to suppress the activities of militant workers.

Workers Paid 10c Per Hour Wrecking Hemet Buildings

HEMET, Calif., March 20.—Taking advantage of the mass starvation faced by the workers, business men here have begun to drastically cut wages.

Jack Diamond, local merchant, paid workers he employed to wreck one of his buildings, only ten cents per hour. The contract for a new building was given to a contractor named Larson, who declares $2 a day is enough for skilled labor.

Fast Work of U. C. Saves Mother, Baby From Eviction

Quick action of the Unemployed Council of 282 Fourth Street, saved a mother and her two-year-old baby from being thrown out on the street for non-payment of rent.

The landlord locked them out. The Unemployed Council Action Committee forced the landlord to let them in while they went to the charities to demand rent and food. The charities boss, a huge fat woman, told the committee nothing could be done as the woman's husband was in jail. It happens that the husband's crime was stealing food for his family as they were starving and he could get no work.

The committee then went to see the mayor. Police tried to bully the committee and the woman, but the workers would not back down. Rossi was then forced to send a message to the charities head, and results were immediate. Groceries and rent money for one week were provided, though the woman in charge grumbled and threatened to turn some members of the committee over to the immigration department for investigation.

Since then the charities have moved the woman to a more desirable place, paid her rent, and the groceries continue to come in.

Am. Legion Thugs Break Up Workers' Hall in Stockton

STOCKTON, March 20.—A gang of fifty, made up largely of American Legion members, broke into the Workers Center at 216 E. Market Street here a few nights ago and broke up the furniture.

The Stockton Unemployed Council, whose headquarters is at the Workers Center, has been doing effective work in fighting for relief for starving families, against indiscrimination, and for free milk for school children.

As mass sentiment was swinging behind this militant organization, the fascist sneaks hoped to break them up. The Unemployed Council is so strongly entrenched in Stockton that it was unsafe to attack it in the daylight, so the cowards waited until night.

The Stockton workers were rallied to the defense of their headquarters, but arrived too late to catch the home guards of the Stockton bosses.

WORKERS FORCE COUNTY WELFARE TO GRANT RELIEF

SAN DIEGO, March 20.—Due to the militant demands of the unemployed workers of this city, the San Diego County Welfare was forced to offer relief by a delegation of the local Unemployed Council after bullying individual workers.

When the committee of the council approached the Welfare with their demands, Jerome Pendleton, Welfare Commission secretary, refused to see him, claiming that he would not "submit to group dictation." However, the workers' militancy showed that they understood Pendleton's trickery to defeat their power of mass pressure.

With the cry, "We want more food. We've tired of this buck-passing. We're hungry!" the starving workers marched to the County Supervisors' chamber and enforced their demands. The supervisors were quite alarmed by the fact tha starving workers had the courage to fight back.

The Workers of the World Have Only One Fatherland, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

STAGGER SYSTEM AND WAGE CUTS AT NATIONAL CARBON

Working Week Reduced to Two and Three Days; Pay Now Down to $3.00 a Day

The workers of National Carbon Company, who at one time drew checks for from $25 to $35 a week, are now going home with pay checks as low as $6. Following President Hoover's "stagger system" the management of National Carbon has reduced the working week to 2 and 3 days. Since the "good days" of 1928 the factory has reduced the number of workers from 500 to less than 100.

In order to keep up its profits the corporation has cut the pay of its workers to as low as $3.00 a day and has speeded-up production so that now a worker produces twice as much as before. To do this the company has used the "bonus system." The workers find that as they produce more and more, the bonus doesn't mean a thing because the piece rates are cut right and left. Also once a faster pace is established they have to keep up with it.

In the tamping department piece rates have been cut from 10c to 9½c a day. Also, besides the speed-up, new machinery has enabled the company to throw more men on the street. For instance, in the layer-building department, where before 3 machines made not more over 1000 batteries a day—today one machine produces as high as 1500.

In order to keep the workers from organizing to fight for better conditions, the management tries to divide them by discriminating against the Filipinos, who number more than half of those employed. Filipino workers are not given as high-priced jobs as the whites. None of them ever become inspectors, and even if they work in the same department as the whites, their pay is lower.

The workers, however, are beginning to see through the bosses' scheme of "divide and conquer" and now see the necessity of orginizing regardless of race, in order to stop future wage-cuts and to force the company to give them enough to live on.

TRADE UNION SECTION

War In the Pacific And Its Effect On Marine Workers

Recent developments in the Far East, the developing imperialist war and the occupation of Manchuria as a base for interventionist attack on the Soviet Union, bring to the fore the roles the workers in the Pacific Coast ports will play in the near future. Already U. S. imperialism has taken steps for the mobilization of factories, mills, etc., of all industries having any military significance, on a war basis. One of the most important of these war industries is marine transport, to which special attention has been paid by the bosses' government.

SUBSIDIZE SHIPOWNERS

This plan for putting the industry on a war basis can be said to have really got under way when the second Merchant Marine Act (Jones-White Bill) and the Naval Reserve Bill were passed in 1928. Under the Jones-White Act $250,000,000 were appropriated for the building of modern merchant vessels that could be converted into auxiliary cruisers. Under the act the shipowners receive long term credit loans up to two-thirds of the value of the ships under construction. The only stipulation is that the vessels be built according to naval specifications and under naval supervision. On top of this the shipowners are given enormous subsidies under the guise of mail contracts. In most cases these mail contracts alone warrant the running of ships by covering operating expenses. In this way an efficient fleet of naval auxiliary cruisers have been built up within the last few years.

NAVALIZING THE SEAMEN

Besides the Naval Reserve Act, the purpose of which is to recruit a force of technically trained experts for the officering of these auxiliary cruisers, additional steps have been taken for the maintenance of "politically reliable" crews. This is known as the "Americanization" program and on the Pacific Coast includes a blacklist system by means of the "Fink Halls" of the Steamship Owners Association. Together with this is the national campaign of terrorism and deportation of the militant foreign-born.

MARINE WORKERS ORGANIZE FOR STRUGGLE

Despite all these measures to keep the marine workers in subjection the seamen and longshoremen are beginning to revolt. There is a growing consciousness that the present campaign of unemployment, starvation and wage cuts of the shipowners, assisted indirectly by the I. S. U. and the "Blue Book outfit," is closely connected with war in which the marine workers will be called on to risk their lives in the transporting of troops and munitions to shoot down their fellow workers of other countries. The lessons of the last war and of the role that the I. S. U. played in leading them to the slaughter is not forgotten, neither is the action of the Seattle longshoremen who refused to load munitions for Siberia during the last attempt at intervention against the Soviet Union.

On May 20, delegates will assemble in Hamburg, Germany, representing seamen, longshoremen, river and harbor workers from every country to hammer out a program of action to meet developing war danger and the general worsening of conditions, and to strengthen the bonds of international solidarity

WHERE TO GO

San Francisco

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, from 9 A. M. to 8 P. M. — All-day Restaurant given for the striking Needle Workers in the East. It's your struggle as well as theirs. 1740 O'Farrell Street.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, at 1740 O'Farrell Street — Installation Party by English-Speaking Branch International Workers Order. Musical program, free refreshments. Admission 35c. The Branch meets first and third Fridays at 1740 O'Farrell Street.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 — A Dance at the Finnish Hall, 20 Flint St., San Francisco, to be given by the Scandinavian Workers' Club. Admission 25c.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, at 8 P.M., Finnish Workers Hall, 20 Flint Street, San Francisco: Soviet Movie, "China Express" — also "Lenin's Funeral"—with titles in Finnish, Swedish and English. Dance, Refreshments. Admission 50c.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 8:00 P.M. —Entertainment and Dance by Food Workers Industrial Union, National Painters Hall, 11 Duboce Avenue, corner of Mission and 13th Streets. Don't miss the "Jungle Scene." Admission 35c.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9—Dance and Entertainment by Building Trades Workers League, Finnish Workers Center, 20 Flint St, near 16th and Market Sts. Music, Refreshments, Admission 25c in advance, 35c at the door.

ADVANCE NOTICE! Annual International Labor Defense Picnic on Sunday, June 5th, at East Shore Park, Richmond, Calif. All Workers' Organizations in the Bay Cities are urged to cooperate and to keep this date open. International Labor Defense, District No. 13.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 — Gina Meden will speak on Jewish Colonies in the Soviet Union. California Hall, Polk and Turk Sts., under auspices of Friends of the Soviet Union and the I. C. O. R.

Workers School Forum

Sunday, Mar. 27: JAMES BRANCH
"The Communist Party in the Coming Elections."
Sunday, April 3: JACK OLSON
"The Bosses' Olympics vs. Workers' Sports."
Discussion and Questions Follow Each Lecture.
Admission 10c.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, I. W. O. (Lenin Branch) Package Party will be given at 1740 O'Farrell St. All comrades are asked to come. Bring your friends along, too.

North Beach Forum

Every Sunday at 8:00 p. m.
North Beach Workers Center, 1529 Powell Street, San Francisco

March 27—Speaker Thomas Burns
"Socialist Construction in the Soviet Union and the Hoover Starvation Program."
(Questions and discussion will follow each Forum.)

OPENING OF NORTH BEACH WORKERS CENTER, 1529 Po- at 8 p. m. The program includes: at 8 p. m. The program includes, a Play arranged by the North Beach Unemployed Council, Singing, Boxing Match, Dancing and Refreshments.

Int'l Workers Order

LENIN BRANCH NO. 119
Open Forums in Yiddish every Sunday
1740 O'Farrell St.—Admission Free

Sunday March 27 I. Folkoff
"American Imperialism in Central and South America."

Fillmore Workers Forum

1507 Eddy Street, Room 7
Every Sunday at 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 27...George Morris
The Struggle of the Negro Workers in the U. S. A.

Questions and discussion follow each forum. Admission free. Literature on all above subjects can be obtained at 1507 Eddy St., Room 7.

San Jose Open Forum

EVERY SUNDAY, 8:00 P.M.
Union Hall, 81 Post Street

Sunday, March 27: E. KIRBY
"Art in the Hands of the Soviet Workers."

SUNDAY, APRIL 3—Benjamin Fee: "The Chinese Soviets and the War in the Far East."

SUNDAY, April 10—Frank Spector: "War Developments on the Pacific." Questions and discussion follow each forum. Admission free. Working-class literature on sale at Workers Book Shop, 81 Post Street, San Jose.

SUNDAY, MAY 1—Picnic by Slavonian Workers Educational Club, Naprada Park, Cupertino (near Mt. View). Admission 35c. Barbecue, dancing, games, speakers. Proceeds go to the Workers Press, 25 per cent to the Western Worker.

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German Communist Party Polls Nearly Five Million Votes

COMMUNIST VOTE IN GERMANY RISES OVER HALF MILLION

C. P. Votes Heaviest in Industrial Centers; Thaelmann Gets 4,971,079

BERLIN, March 20.—The general primary election in Germany was marked by an increase of over half a million votes for the Communist candidate, Ernst Thaelmann, who polled 4,971,079 votes. Von Hindenburg received 45.9 per cent or 18,661,736 votes out of 37,660,377 votes cast.

Hitler, the fascist candidate, was second with 11,328,571 votes.

COMMUNIST VOTE INCREASES HALF MILLION

The Communist vote was heaviest in the industrial centers. Where the majority of voters were workers, as in Berlin, the Communist vote was second to von Hindenburg. In Berlin Thaelmann received 370,956; von Hindenburg, 558,771, and Hitler polled only 247,240 votes.

The Social Democrat party, in urging their followers to vote for the Kaiser's lieutenant, von Hindenburg, was completely exposed to the workers in its teacherous reactionary role.

TREACHERY OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

Many of the workers who have been fooled into following the Social Democrat party in the past because of its alleged leadership of the working class, are now completely disillusioned.

The Communist vote would have been much greater but for the fact that thousands of workers were driven away from the polls by armed gangs of fascists, that did everything in their power to prevent workers from voting the Communist ticket.

The large Hindenburg vote reveals the popular disgust with the fascist program and terror tactics.

The workers who voted for Thaelmann registered their protest against the existing capitalist form of government, and declared for workers' and farmers' government.

Western Worker Needs Cameras

Reflex and hand cameras with lens faster than F4.5 are the types needed. We would particularly like to get a still camera using 33 MM film. Please answer our call. Send to Photo Dept., WESTERN WORKER, 1164 Market St., San Francisco.

Mexican Hunger March Protesting Against Starvation



This picture shows part of the thousands of militant Mexican workers and peasants on their way to Mexico City to demand Unemployment Insurance paid by the rich landlords and industrial servants of Wall street.

STRIKE WAVE SWEEPS CUBA; RAIL WORKERS WIN DEMANDS

HAVANA, Cuba, March 20. — A wave of strikes is sweeping throughout Cuba against wage cuts and stagger plans of work.

As a result of three months of struggle, the street-carmen of Santiago de Cuba won the following demands from the Havana Electric Railway Company (an American company): Increase in wages, recognition of the newly formed revolutionary union, and reinstatement of the discharged workers.

TOBACCO STRIKE CONTINUES

Fifteen thousand tobacco workers in Havana province are still striking against the 20 per cent wage cut attempted in the middle of January. The workers in "La Belinda" factory left the shop as soon as the cut was announced, and then went from shop to shop calling out the rest. The reformist union leaders of the cigarmakers tried to halt the strike, but failed. They are now trying to break the strike by preventing broad rank and file strike committees. They are attempting to conduct negotiations with the corrupt government officials and the Caribbean Sub-Committee of the Latin American Trade Union Confederation.

The Trade Union Unity League sent greetings to the strikers. The reformist leaders of the Cigarmakers Union did not dare to suppress the cable, although it stated, "Do not trust your leaders. Take the strike in your own hands." The outcome of the strike depends upon the revolutionary opposition inside of the tobacco workers' union against the reformist union leaders.

SUGAR MILL STRIKE

The campaign of the National Workers' Conference of Cuba (affiliated with the T. U. U. L.) is beginning to bear fruit in organizing the workers to struggle for better conditions. The workers in the Providencia Sugar Mill in Guinea, Havana province, went on strike against a wage cut of 20 per cent. The strike demands were payment of wages every Saturday, sanitary housing, same prices in company stores as in village stores, clean drinking water, eight hour day, first aid and medical service, withdrawal of the Rural Guards from the vicinity of the mill, the right of the workers to organize and hold meetings, and recognition of the mill committee.

SUPPORT BY THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS

The revolutionary working class of the United States must support the striking workers in Cuba and South America, as the strikes are in the main waged against American capitalists. The same bosses that exploit the American workers are doubly exploiting the workers of the colonies. We must spread the news of these struggles among the unemployed and mass organizations. Forward resolutions greeting the strikers, and demand of the respective consulates the halt of the terror used against strikers.

NEW ZEALAND DOCKERS REFUSE UNLOAD U. S. SHIP

Claim Bosses Using U. S. Seamen at $55 Per Month to Beat Down Pay of British Sailors

AUCKLAND, N. Z., March 1.—(By Mail.) — The growing resentment of the New Zealand seamen and longshoremen over increasing unemployment through the entry of American shipping into the Pacific island and inter-colonial trade found expression here when the Waterside Workers Federation refused to unload the S. S. Sierra of the Matson Line.

The reason stated was that the recent construction of the palatial Matson liner Mariposa, with two sister ships now building, all to be subsidized both in construction and operation by the United States government, and manned by relatively cheap labor American crews, threatened to drive British shipping from the Pacific.

The old rate for New Zealand A.B.'s has been approximately $78 and overtime, as compared with $55 paid to seamen on the Matson liners, who have recently been cut from $65. Andy Furuseth's outfit, the I. S. U., has job control on these ships and is following the policy of Havelock Wilson's Union by assisting the shipowners in stifling all attempts at revolt.

The Marine Workers Industrial Union, the American section of the I. S. U., which is holding a world congress in Hamburg on May 20, calls on the seamen and longshoremen of the Pacific Coast to show their solidarity by organizing internationally and to prepare to assist the New Zealand seamen, who are expecting a wage cut when their agreement expires on August 31 of this year.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GANGS

By STEPHEN PEACOCK

The kidnaping of Lindbergh's baby was the most important event for the capitalist press since Aimee Semple McPherson, noted Holy Roller, dived into the ocean at Santa Monica and came up on the Mojave desert. It has been a gold mine for the sob-sisters and prevaricating brothers.

"NATION AROUSED"

Five minutes after the disappearance of the infant, the whole country was up in arms. The police force being inadequate to cope with the situation, a call went out to the army, navy, air force and coast artillery. Other organizations volunteered their services. These included the Salvation Army, Ku Klux Klan, D.A.R., Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls.

GANGLAND MOBILIZED

With the uniformed gangsters seemingly helpless, the unofficial forces of "law and order" were called to the front. The S. F. Chronicle of March 10th confirmed the hook-up between gangsters and government by stating that Morris Rosner, negotiator between Lindbergh and the kidnapers, was recommended by a U. S. congressman and a member of Hoover's cabinet. The Call-Bulletin carried a headline "Lindbergh Offered Capone Aid By U. S." Another go-between was Salvy Spitale, assisted by Irving Bitz, both being New York racketeers.



ORGY OF PHOTOGRAPHS

The kidnaping has resulted in a tremendous rise in cost of photographic supplies. Not only have the sob-sisters been working overtime, but everyone who owned a kodak was mobilized, and ten thousand photographers converged on the scene from all points. They photographed the butcher, iceman, maid, butler, and mail carrier. Of course they "took" the family in 4,000 poses—all but Lindbergh's father, who was a pacifist during the last imperialist slaughter. Pictures of the home were taken from air-



planes, telegraph poles and church steeples. X marked the bathroom; XX marked the spot where the fountain syringe was found; XXX indicated the clothes-line where the diapers had been hanging.

SMOKE SCREEN FOR CAPITALIST MANEUVERS

We have the deepest sympathy for Lindbergh or any other parent who loses a child. But all this hullabaloo and crocodile tears about one particular ruling class infant gives us a pain in the semi-colon. What about the millions of working class babies who are actually starving? How about the millions of children who are "kidnaped" by the bosses and used for cheap labor; who are murdered by the imperialists in China and elsewhere? Does the capitalist press fuss about them? Not much! It utilizes the Lindbergh incident as a smoke screen to make the workers forget unemployment, wage-cuts, and preparations for another world slaughter and attack on the U. S. S. R.!

However, it will take more than a kidnaping sensation to save the capitalist system from destruction, and the substitution of a workers' and farmers' government, where kidnaping and other anti-social means of acquiring wealth will be abolished.

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Finnish Government Fakes Anti-Fascist

HELSINGFORS, March 20.—The national security law of 1930 which prohibits the movement of armed forces in the countryside or against the capital, has again been put in force, the Finnish government claiming that this is an anti-fascist measure. Since the Finnish government is a bloody dictatorship completely in accord with fascist policies, the militant workers of Finland know that this law is directed solely against the Communist Party, which is leading the Finnish workers. This is clear from the fact that the Tapua, the organization of Finnish fascists, was itself the instigator of this law in 1930.

Cuban Workers Protest Ford Massacre

HAVANA, March 17.—In protest against the recent slaughter of starving workers by Ford gunmen, a large group of Cuban workers, carrying red flags and shouting slogans, held a demonstration in front of the sales agency of the Ford Motor Company here today. The Cuban workers are joining in the world-wide storm of protest which this act of capitalistic butchery has raised.

Police Frame Spanish Workers

SEVILLE, Spain, March 19.—Police terror against workers has been particularly active in this district lately. Five men and a woman were arrested and thrown into prison by the Civil Guard for riding in an automobile in which the police claim they found documents and maps which outlined plans for a Communist uprising. Similar fake, framed-up charges are being used as a pretext for throwing scores of workers in jail.

Bible Puncher in Frantic Effort to Thwart Workers Organizing

PARIS, March 19.—The archbishop of Paris has discovered an original way of ridding the "red suburbs" of Paris of Communism and unemployment. Committees are at work collecting funds for erecting nineteen new churches and for enlarging thirteen. Meanwhile the world crisis is becoming more active in France every day. The starving French workers are organizing to demand the overthrow of the starvation system which the archbishop and his churches try so hard to protect.

Bruening Government Shadow Boxes With Fascists

BERLIN, March 20.—The recent raids which the Prussian government made on the Hitler headquarters after the disclosures of the Fascist plans for seizure of power, is an attempt to conceal from the workers the true character of the Hindenburg regime. Basically it differs in no way from the terrorist program of the Fascists,—but by means of these fake raids they hope to mislead the workers into believing they are opposed to this policy.

It is necessary at this time for the Hindenburg forces to do this, as the recent elections showed the popular disgust with the Fascist terrorist policy. These raids are a definite bid for votes in the coming "run-off" elections.

More Nicaragua Workers Slaughtered

NICARAGUA, March 19.—The steady murder of native Nicaraguans by the National Guard of Nicaragua, which is officered by U. S. Marines, goes on without a halt. A skirmish with patrols of this National Guard, which is the watch-dog for American big business interests in Nicaragua, resulted in the death of two workers in the last three days. The Nicaraguan workers and peasants are undaunted by this reign of capitalistic terror, and continue in their efforts to drive the invaders from the country.

General Strike in Poland

WARSAW, Poland, March 20.—A general strike of nearly 30,000 workers throughout Poland has transformed certain districts of the country into an armed camp. Two workers were killed today and many injured in police attacks on groups participating in the strike. Labor unions proclaimed the walk-out in protest against anti-labor bills recently passed by the Polish government. The Polish workers show, by this nation-wide strike, that they are no longer terrorized by the Polish fascism and its bloody police lackeys.

Mass Protest Forces Release of 24 Workers

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, March 18.—The mass imprisonment of eighty Uruguayan Communists has aroused such organized and determined protest that the government was forced to release twenty-four. Not wishing to seem to capitulate to the demands of the working masses, the goverment gave as an excuse for their release the fact that they were on a hunger strike. However, since fifty-six of the prisoners are being "allowed" to continue their hunger strike in the penitentiary, the government gives proof that it will continue in its attempt to suppress the struggle of the workers and peasants against starvation.

British Planes to Bomb Peasants

DELHI, India, March 20.—The repressive measures of the British government against the Red Shirts, an organization of revolutionary peasants in the northwest provinces, has aroused protests from all workers' organizations in India. All Moslems in India were asked to boycott foreign cloth and certain other articles as a result of this drive. Troops and scouting planes were sent into these provinces for the purpose of drowning in blood the peasant movement against British imperialism.

U. S. Puppets Try to Protect Panama Canal

PANAMA CITY, March 19. — President Alfero has signed a decree closing Panama to all arrivals but those traveling first-class and having an assured income, thereby admitting the tremendous amount of unemployment in Panama. This is put forth as a measure of supposed "relief" for the Panama workers, but is primarily designed to keep this exceedingly important military zone free from a working-class movement, by excluding the revolutionary workers of Columbia and Central America.

Brazilian Government in Crisis

BUENOS AIRES, March 20.—Increasing unrest among the workers due to the drop in the price of coffee and demoralization of conditions in Brazil's industrial states, again has placed the Brazilian government in a crisis.

The powerful industrial state of Rio Grande do Sul has withdrawn its support of the government of President Getuilo Vargas, and reports of defections of other powerful southern industrial states has precipitated a cabinet crisis which is likely to result in the downfall of the present dictatorial government.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND THE WESTERN WORKERS

Mass Protest of Canadian Workers Against Attack on Communist Party — Seven Workers Get Long Prison Sentences—Convicted on Evidence of Degenerate Stool—German Communists Gain Half Million Votes in Spite of Terror—Elections Blow to Fascists

On March 12 the Communist Party of Canada was declared illegal, and seven of its most active workers sentenced to seven years imprisonment each. The Canadian government also declared its intention of deporting all workers found to have been members of the party. The confiscation of all party property is now being carried out.

Canada now joins the long list of countries of black reaction and organized governmental terror against militant workers.

FAKE EVIDENCE AND STOOL PIGEONS

The usual array of "mysterious letters" and "orders from Moscow", the testimony of a stool pigeon who was said to have been "high up in the secret councils of the party," were of course present. This stool, an officer in the notorious strike-breaking gang of degenerate adventurers known as the "Mounties," had been exposed as a rat two years ago and driven out of the party. He was the government's star witness and "Red Expert." During the trial this "brilliant investigator" contradicted himself so often that it was difficult even for the prosecution to make any sort of coherent case out of his testimony.

CAPITALIST HYPOCRISY

The height of hypocrisy was revealed when the state summed up.

In order to cover up its attack against militant workers' organizations and its planned terror against the whole working class, the federal government made a great point of declaring that the workers were not being convicted for being Communists, but for being members of the Communist International. As the Toronto Star points out, "the eight Communists tried and convicted in Toronto were condemned not for being Communists and advocating the Communistic theory, but for being members of the Communist International, an organization that advocates and plans revolution by violence to overthrow existing forms of government. The convicted men were shown by the evidence to be members of this organization, and this organization was shown by the evidence to be seeking to attain its object by methods of force and violence."

Idiotic "evidence" manufactured out of the whole cloth, such as the following, was exhibited:

"Each evening when they (the comrades) finish work and each morning before going to work, each comrade should practice throwing stones at targets twenty-five paces away. In two weeks, the results of such target practice would be quite apparent."

CANADIAN WORKERS AROUSED

The Canadian workers are not taking this attempt to smash their party lying down. Vigorous protests have come from all parts of the country. Over 700 organizations, representing more than 160,000 workers, have sent petitions to the Federal government demanding that the Communist Party be given back its legal rights, and denouncing this vicious anti-labor action of the government.

WORKERS OF CANADA AND WEST COAST HAVE THE SAME BOSSES

Workers on the West Coast are particularly concerned with this attempt to drive the Communist Party of Canada underground. The bonds of solidarity between Canadian and West Coast workers are particularly strong.

The great waterfront strike of 1920 proves this. There are many cases where Canadian and American workers have united for common action against the bosses. To a large extent the powerful capitalist interests that brutally exploit West Coast workers are the same ones who suppress Canadian workers, for example, in the lumber and canning industries and marine transport.

LONG BEACH TRIAL SIMILAR ATTEMPT

In Long Beach, California, a similar attempt is being made to drive the Communist Party into illegality. The trial of the 45 workers now going on, where the infamous gang of police thugs, the so-called "Red Squad," paid agents of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, are trying to convict these workers on the trumped-up charge of "attempting to commit Criminal Syndicalism," makes the fight of the Canadian workers one with the fight of the workers of California.

The same manufactured evidence, the same attempts to smash militant workers' organizations.

Workers of the West Coast must answer these attacks of the bosses on their party. Send strong protests to the Canadian consulates in support of our brother party. Send resolutions and telegrams to the Governor of California and the Mayor of Long Beach.

Demand the right of the Communist Party to legal existence.

The recent presidential elections in Germany have resulted in an increase of nearly half a million in the Communist votes compared with the last elections for president. That the Communist vote was not much larger is due to the campaign of terror and obstruction carried on by the Bruening government against the party of the workers. On the very day that the election campaign opened, the "Rote Fahne," central organ of the Communist Party of Germany and a paper which has a mass circulation, was suspended for two weeks. This seriously hampered the party in mobilizing the workers for the elections. Election meetings were continually raided by the police, chiefly where the Social Democrats were in charge, or attacked by armed Fascist bands.

The fact that the Social Democratic Party did not put up a candidate of its own but supported the monarchist, Hindenburg, and attempted to get the workers to do likewise, has completely exposed its bankruptcy to even the most backward workers. However, there undoubtedly were large numbers of workers who were tricked into voting for Hindenburg by this treachery of the Social Democrats, in the belief that they were voting for the "lesser evil," and against Hitler.

MASS DISGUST WITH FASCIST PROGRAM

During the campaign the Fascists exceeded even their own bounds in demagogy. Appealing to every vice and prejudice, their bombastic campaign against the Jews and bloody predictions of what they would do to workers and Communists if they were elected, drew to their side all the rotten monarchist and reactionary elements in the country. At the same time it alienated large masses of even the petit-bourgeoisie, who, in the main, voted for Hindenburg.

The Communist Party of Germany now faces the serious task of exposing the real connections between the Bruening-Hindenburg regime and the Fascists, as well as the traitorous tactics of the Social Democrats.

The huge vote for Hindenburg proves the tremendous popular disgust with the terrorist tactics and program of the Fascists, whose vote decreased considerably in Thuringia and elsewhere. The recent raids carried out by the Prussian government against 102 Fascist headquarters proves that the Bruening-Hindenburg camp fully realizes this, and is making a play for additional support in the coming "run-off" elections on April 10.

TERRORIST TACTICS APPLIED ON WEST COAST

In the coming elections for president in the United States this fall, workers on the West Coast must learn from the experiences of the German workers. Similar terrorist tactics are and will be more increasingly applied against militant working class organizations, and, in particular, against the Communist Party, as the only party fighting for the demands of the workers.

The recent Dearborn massacre, the continual shootings and terror in the mine fields, are glaring examples of the tactics which are being employed to terrorize workers. Attempts are already being made by the Socialist Party here to mislead the workers by seeming to fight for unemployment insurance and other workers' demands. Their whole reason for doing this is to prevent the workers from voting for the Communist Party, and to tie their hands the more securely. Their intention is to stifle the desire of the workers to struggle for immediate relief and against wage cuts. For this they hope to be amply rewarded by their capitalist masters.

FAKE PROGRESSIVE PROMISES

Other fake "Progressives" and independents, such as LaFollette, are in the field with similar programs and are angling for votes.

Only by building a mass Communist Party and piling up a huge Communist vote will the American workers be in a position to force real relief out of the bosses and their government in the form of unemployment insurance. This unemployment insurance is to be paid solely by the big banks and corporations, and administered by the workers, and not, as the Socialist Party would have it, by the government, which would result in MORE graft and stealing, while at the same time forcing the present hunger program more firmly upon the workers.

WORKERS CORRESPONDENCE

S. P. Still Using Killer Locomotive—Boiler Shops Closed

WAGE CUT DRIVE AGAINST 'FRISCO COOKS, WAITERS

70-Hour Week in Vogue in Many Restaurants Controlled by A. F. of L.

The Clinton Cafeterias in San Francisco have an ingenious way of fooling the workers. Before we used to work three hours a day for meals and no money. A kick was raised; the workers began to organize. Clinton fired the most militant and in order to pacify the workers put some of them on six-hour shift, for which they get meals and 75 cents a day.

Even the counter girls get more than that. They get 25 cents an hour and meals, twice as much as the bus boys get.

PLAY OFF FILIPINOS AGAINST WHITE WORKERS

The owners of the Wilson Restaurant and Clift Hotel in this city, until three months ago, employed Filipino workers, paying them $21 a week. The Filipino workers were fired and in their place American workers were hired for $17 a week. After working three or four weeks, they were fired, and in their place the bosses rehired the Filipino workers for $15 a week All this took place within three months.

70-HOUR WEEK

In the S. P. Depot Restaurant, K. C. Sandwich Shop, Coney Island Restaurant, and many others which the A. F. of L. controls, the workers work in practically every instance 70 hours a week or more.

Leighton's and Compton's Cafeterias have cut wages 5 per cent. Three wage cuts have been put over on the workers in these restaurants within the last six months. Cooks Local No. 110 did not accept these cuts, but were forced to take them because the mis-leaders in control of Locals 30, 44 and 48 accepted them.

A. F. OF L. ACCEPTS SCABS

The A. F. of L. Union has started to scab on its own members. When the waiters in one of the restaurants went on strike for maintaining their wages, the boss hired scabs at lower wages, and the A. F. of L. "leaders," in order to get the dues, consented to the wage-cut and accepted the scabs into their organization.

Workers, the A. F. of L. leadership is plotting with the bosses to fire you when you do not accept a wage cut. They readily accept the scabs into the unions only to get the dues. If you strike you lose your job from the boss, and the A. F. of L. betrays you. Workers, answer these betrayals of the A. F. of L. by joining the Food Workers' Industrial Union of the T. U. U. L., and smash the bosses' wage-cut campaigns.

—A Food Worker.

Proctor-Gamble Use Blood Pressure To Make Wage Cut

LONG BEACH, March 20.—Proctor and Gamble Company has been carrying through a severe wage-cutting program by firing experienced workers and taking on young workers who can no longer afford to go to school but will work for 15c to 32c an hour. The result is much inefficiency and waste that to some extent has defeated their attempt to add to profits while increasing exploitation.

One worker who was making a living wage was fired after the doctor declared him "unfit for further service" because his blood pressure was 2 degrees above normal (whatever that means). Now the worker can starve to death, while his job is being done by a youngster at 15c an hour.

Unemployed Smash "Silence Campaign" Of Bosses' Press

SALT LAKE, March 23.—A resolution passed by 600 marchers of the Murray Unemployed Council, to boycott all newspapers that did not give their demands publicity, was successful in smashing the "campaign of silence" which has been carried out in the past by the boss press.

The bosses have attempted to keep all news of unemployment out of the papers in an effort to maintain the illusion of prosperity "except in isolated instances," and to prevent the unemployed from organizing to force their demands for relief.

The two leading Salt Lake City papers, the Salt Lake Tribune and the Deseret News, published full accounts of the hunger demonstration and the demands of the workers for $1 a day cash for all unemployed workers, and 50c a day additional for each dependant.

Correspondent Exposes War Preparations

A Worker Correspondent from Trail, British Columbia, writes that the munition factories there are operating at capacity. He reports that 70 car loads of munitions are being shipped each day.

Workers can expose the maneuvers of the boss murderers by writing in to the Western Worker about the secret moves that are being made while the bosses' press talks about peace conferences, Lindy's baby, and other smoke-screens.

BOSSES BEATEN IN COURT BATTLE TRY DEPORTATION

Aberdeen Workers Reply to Terror With More Organization; Form F. S. U. Local

ABERDEEN, March 21.—Three workers, Holloway, Gates and Shroyer, had their cases dismissed when they were put on the charge of turning on water at the Workers' International Relief Kitchen after it had been shut off by the Water Company. The workers handled their own defense, using the knowledge gained from "Workers Self Defense in the Courts" issued by the International Labor Defense.

As the case was a glaring attempt to attack the Unemployed Council, the city had little chance to get a conviction. The court was packed with workers.

TRY TERRORIZE WORKERS

After the hearing, immigration officials stopped every one leaving the room and questioned them as to place of birth, their opinion of the Soviet Union, etc. Six workers were held in jail for further questioning. They were Pederson, Soykneff, Buzancich, Kallas, Korobestos and Bergstrom. After they were asked about their membership in the Unemployed Council, International Labor Defense and Communist Party, they were released after being photographed and fingerprinted.

This outrageous act of terrorism is generally understood by the workers as a pre-war move of the masters to split the solid ranks of militant workers' organizations that are winning struggles for workers for better conditions and against war.

100 JOIN F. S. U.

The workers' answer to this attack was to form a branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union of over 100 members. At the first meeting it was decided to send a delegate from Grays Harbor district with the Workers' Delegation to U. S. S. R. on May 1.

L. A. WORKER, 45, REALIZES SLAVERY

S. P. Worker Gets $15 Per Week After 25 Years of Slavery

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—A 45-year-old worker who has worked for 25 years tells of the chances to advance under Capitalism.

His wages have been cut repeatedly until he has to support seven—a wife, 5 children, and himself—on $15 a week. He works 10 to 12 hours per day to get it. He is threatened with a lay-off which has thrown thousands of his fellow workers and their families into starvation.

Cleaning refrigerators, milk and meat cars, in rain-soaked clothes has undermined his health, and now, after 25 years of work for the boss class, he and his family face destitution.

This is not a "sob story." It is to point out that it is up to us young workers to show the older men and women the way out of our misery is through organization. The workers' and farmers' government of the Soviet Union was built by organization. We must organize into the Communist Party. We must show the way to our class betterment through mass pressure.

—Worker Correspondent.

MINER, DISABLED MAKING BOSS RICH, NOW ON SOUP LINE

A miner whose hand was crushed by falling rocks at Mitchel Camp, out of Livermore, now is on the soup-line here in San Francisco. The shift boss, Oscar Erickson, ordered him to work under dangerous loose rocks even after the miner pointed out the probable result.

Dr. Dagnen, of Livermore, who is a tool of the bosses, ordered him back to work, just as infection was setting in. The worker's compensation was cut off. Twice he fainted trying to work with his mangled hand, and was forced to quit.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION PASSES BUCK

Then he came to San Francisco to seek a little "justice" from the Industrial Commission, which pretends to take care of just such cases. Instead he got the usual line of red-tape and no relief. Finally he got a grafting lawyer for $25 and the Industrial Commission came to life. Dr. Bunnell found his hand was permanently injured and his compensation started again. About a month later the compensation was stopped, and the worker can't afford another lawyer to unravel the red tape that now awaits.

There are hundreds of such cases on the soup-line. But there is something we can do about it. The Unemployed Council at 282 Fourth Street, made up of workers of all nationalities who are fighting daily to force the bosses to grant relief, is rapidly growing in numbers and strength. The parasite class fears the Unemployment Council, because they know organized workers will not starve without a fight.

—From the Soup-Line on Ritch Street.

Fresno Raisin Growers at Mercy of Rich Packers

Forced Labor Exists for Fresno Farmers Whose Wages Drop as Mortgages Fall Due

FRESNO, March 29.—For the last ten years I have been a ranch worker and share-crop worker in Fresno County raisin fields. I've tried to get ahead, but it is impossible, because we raisin growers are completely at the mercy of the raisin packers.

When the frost injures our crops, the packers claim our raisins are no good. When we have a big harvest they pay us little or nothing for our work, saying there are too many raisin growers to have any value.

These rich parasites can't grow raisins, but exist by bluffing the farmers out of their crops.

The price per hour for labor here in Fresno has been as follows: 1929, 30c an hour; 1930, 25c an hour; 1931, 20c and 15c an hour. Groceries have not gone down in proportion, so we must live on macaroni, beans and potatoes. Neither are taxes or interest rates on mortgages any lower, and we live in constant dread and worry over foreclosures.

REFUSE TO PAY MORTGAGES

We are at the mercy of parasites, who will continue to drive down our living standards until we organize and refuse to pay mortgages and other debts. Let us organize into the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union and struggle to the death rather than submit to any further slavery.

—A Field Worker and Share-Cropper.

Dress Workers Driven to Break Down Limit in Spokane Sweatshop

SPOKANE, March 20.—The Miss Spokane Dress Factory is taking full advantage of the tremendous amount of unemployment to speed up its workers. They find the extreme limit of the girls' working capacity and drive them accordingly. In many cases the girls break down completely and are unable to work.

When this happens other girls are found to take their places at starvation wages. It is rumored that another cut is coming as the girls have shown no resistance to the merciless speed-up.

The girls must organize into shop committees to prevent the next cut. They must strike or starve.

Farmers Deserting Grange; Join United Farmers' League

A farmer from Renton invested hundreds of dollars in poultry, buildings and chicks last summer. After a summer of hard work he had to peddle the grown chicks one and two at a time to get rid of them. He has not made back his feed bill, let alone his labor.

In addition to farming, he says that farmers must do all kinds of work, renting their tractors, etc., to private farmers and work for the county on roads. As a result of careful check-up of all their activities and efforts to earn a living by farming and working, they figure that they have earned a dollar a day for the past year in addition to having debts to pay.

This gives a rough idea of why the farmers are getting ready to fight for a moratorium on debts and join hands with the workers in militant struggle. Many farmers already have repudiated the Grange and other rich farmers' organizations. They are looking for correct organization. This can only be found in the United Farmers League which is a rank and file organization of poor farmers, and co-operates with the militant workers of the cities. Western farmers interested should write to the UFL at Plenty-wood, Montana.

SEATTLE BOSSES PREPARE TERROR, FOOD SUBSTITUTE

Wholesale Deportations Started to Prevent Starving Workers From Mass Protests

SEATTLE, March 30.—With the mayoralty election over, the Seattle bosses considered it safe to announce that all food supplies to the unemployed would be cut off on April 1.

In order to suppress and terrorize workers who protest and demonstrate against rapidly approaching starvation, the police force is being reinforced. The first attack on the workers was organized through the immigration officials, who are arresting all workers on the streets and soup-lines suspected of being foreign-born, and holding them for deportation.

On March 7, the first day of this attack, thirty-two workers were picked up.

The food situation is coming to a crisis. The workers realize that they must organize for struggle or starve. Only mass pressure of the working class will force the bosses to give us food. The unemployed council is organizing all workers regardless of race or creed to struggle for better conditions.

Our Shop Papers

About 2500 copies of shop papers are distributed each month by our Party (California district) in shops where we have Communist Party units. All of them are large shops of basic industries—3 railroad shops, 1 steel plant, and 1 large sugar refinery.

Shop papers must be revolutionary *agitators* and ORGANIZERS in the shops. Our five shop papers are good agitators, quick to take up the live issues in the shops. Organizationally, we are making some gains but these are small and do not keep pace with the rapid spread of our influence.

"PITTSBURG STEEL WORKER"
Columbia Steel Plant, Pittsburgh, Calif.

This paper carried on a good fight against "hot, putrid drinking-water" and "ice-cold showers" which made the men who were all tired, heated up and soaking wet in their own sweat, double up with cramps on the washroom floor. After a short time, the men won their fight—and a new water apparatus was installed in the mill! On to more victories—the only way is through organization in the revolutionary Metals Workers League and politically, in the Communist Party.

"HEADLIGHT"
Southern Pacific Shops, San Francisco

A good, live agitator. It pictured one of the foremen as a kangaroo on the jump to speed them up. Next day many kangaroos appeared in chalk drawn on the sheet metal in the tank department. But the Party nucleus has recruited two and kept only one new member in the last two years. And the group of the National Railroad Workers League doesn't function. Not only must we agitate,—ORGANIZE.

"C. & H. SCRAPPER," "WHISTLE," "R. R. WORKER"

These papers will be taken up in the next issue of the Western Worker.

Our shop papers are very popular with the workers; many come back to the distributors and ask for more copies to give to the "other fellows on the next shift."

DISTRICTS 12 AND 19 SHOP PAPERS

Future columns will also take up shop papers issued in the Seattle and Denver districts. Send us 10 copies of the latest issues of your shop papers (shop paper editors of Districts 13 and 20 should send 20 copies of each issue as soon as it appears) to the Agitprop Department, Communist Party, 1164 Market Street, San Francisco. These are for review and exchange with other shop papers.

WORKER CORRESPONDENT FUNCTIONS

The function of the worker correspondent is to establish the Western Worker and the party in the shops, mines, ships and farms. Rooting the Party in the shops and factories means largely the task of worker correspondents getting stories of conditions within these shops in the Western Worker.

EACH WORKER CORRESPONDENT AN ORGANIZER

A worker correspondent should not stop with merely sending in the facts. After the story appears, he must use the story as a base for organizing the shop workers into the Party and the revolutionary unions. Follow-up articles should be sent in, written, if possible, by some worker in the shop. Extra copies should be sold and given away, and subscriptions taken.

All these tasks are the functions of a worker correspondent.

Where a correspondent has no shop contacts, he should make the contact.

WHAT'S TO BE DONE

In every city, worker correspondent clubs should be formed such as in Oakland, Astoria and Los Angeles. These clubs should meet at least once a week to discuss writing, and act as shock brigades in going after shop contacts, distributing papers, and talking to the workers in the shop picked for concentration.

MASS ORGANIZERS, ATTENTION

Each mass organization, union, unemployed council, etc., should form a workers' correspondence committee to function as a workers' correspondence club.

The Workers Correspondence page for next issue should carry news on war preparations within the shop. The story in this issue from Trail, B. C., is a starter. Farmer correspondence is also needed.

Leaders elected in the worker correspondence clubs should write immediately to the workers' correspondence editor, and outline steps being taken. This column will belong to the clubs. Watch for it in each issue of the Western Worker.

RICH S. P. BOSSES GET $43,000 FOR CHRISTMAS DAY EXPLOSION WHICH KILLED TWO WORKERS

Shoup Puts One Over On His Fellow-Murderer Ford By Collecting Insurance

SACRAMENTO, March 20.—The Southern Pacific Company collected $43,000 insurance on engine No. 4402, which blew up Christmas Day, 1931, killing two workers. The S. P. claims it was an accident. The S. P. workers, who were forced by the bosses to weld the faulty job instead of having the boilermaker shop patch it, know it was murder.

The workers say that Paul Shoup in defying the law to put out this cheap "economy" weld (the boilermaker shop was closed down at the time) is just as much a killer of his workers as his fellow capitalist, Henry Ford, is when his police thugs shoot workers in Detroit with machine-guns.

TWIN LOCOMOTIVE EXPECTED TO KILL

The engineer and fireman on No. 4403, a similar locomotive to the fatal No. 4402, may be killed any day, as the crown plates are only welded. Welding these jobs saves money for the bosses as the boilermakers are all laid off, but it means starvation for the boilermakers' families and imminent death for the trainmen.

The workers must bring pressure to bear on the S. P. bosses to take these killer locomotives off the run until they are fit to travel. The company unions will never criticize their own boss, so a workers' union becomes necessary.

Join the National Railroad Industrial League, 912 12th Street, Sacramento.

Demand that killer No. 4403 be taken off the run.

Demand that the widows of the dead trainmen be given the insurance money that is the bosses' profit on their husbands' deaths.

Fight for the six-hour-day with eight hours' pay.

Join your fellow workers who are fighting to better their conditions in the struggle of class against class.

Lay Offs Used By Goodyear Bosses To Force 6% Cut

LOS ANGELES, March 28.—The Goodyear Rubber Company has succeeded in forcing through a 6 per cent wage cut.

To frighten the workers into not resisting the cut with a strike, they have commenced to lay-off the foreign-born workers, picking the militant ones first.

If no resistance is shown to this attack of the bosses, another cut and more lay-offs will be attempted.

The workers' fear that organizing will cause them to lose their jobs are being overcome by their recognition that if they don't organize and fight back with strikes and mass protests, they can expect wage-cut after wage-cut, more lay-offs and speed up.

WOMAN FORCED TO BE "NICE" TO BOSS OR GET OUT

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—I am sending this article to the Western Worker, not because of my ability as a writer but because I feel the need of expressing myself to the thousands of girls and women who are in the same predicament as I.

Today I am forced to leave my home to go where?

Why? Because I am unable to pay my rent. Tonight my three-year-old baby and myself will be out in the street, forced to go to some religious mission, which may take us in and which may not.

Two weeks ago I was forced to leave my job in a restaurant, working nights for $10 a week, where my honorable boss insisted that I be nice to him and the many undesirable customers.

Women, I know I am only one of the many who likewise are out of work because we do not wish to sell our bodies to have bread for our children. How long shall we let ourselves be treated this way?

You say what shall we do? I am proud to say that I am going to use every effort to help teach and tell others this: "Down with bosses that force us to degrade ourselves to live!"

HITCH-HIKER TELLS OF HUNGER IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Interviews Agricultural Workers, Farmers and Soldier

I just hitch-hiked in from Los Angeles up through the "rich" San Joaquin Valley. There are thousands of hitch-hikers of both sexes beating their way from town to town seaching for jobs, sleeping in jungles, and escorted through towns by "move on" police.

Flat tires on dilapidated cars are everywhere. One family was stalled while the forty-third tire patch was being put on one tube. The farmers, embittered and confused, talk radically for a few minutes and then rush to fight off hungry workers eating raw vegetables in the fields.

WORK FOR 20 CENTS AN HOUR

I was picked up by a couple of young Mexican workers. They were going north to pick asparagus at 20 cents an hour. They told of thousands of Mexican families taking voluntary deportation to the old country.

A young fellow, who was hauling a tractor to his father's farm, said they paid $12,000 for their farm. They mortgaged it for $7,000. Now they are trying to sell it for $4,000, and can't do it.

Farm hands are getting a dollar a day and boarding themselves.

FOOD ROTS WHILE WORKERS STARVE

Prospects are for a bumper crop of everything. But there is no enthusiasm over that—it means just so much more food to rot where it grows, while workers starve. The railroad companies, packing houses and finance houses take more than three-fourths of the income. This barely leaves enough for seed and equipment, not to mention food and wages for workers.

WAR PREPARATIONS

A young soldier, just discharged from Camp Lewis, told me that winter clothing had been handed out to the soldiers at the post, and that orders to concentrate all food reserves, such as beans and other easily transported food, had been issued.

The rotten old ship capitalism is about to sink. The only hope left for it is to drive full speed into a bloody war. The workers and farmers alone can stop this war and sink capitalism, which is attempting to crush the working class to save itself.

Murder Ends Fight Over Lice in Pinehurst Labor Camp

STATE LABOR CAMP, PINEHURST, Calif., March 28.—Millard Boggs, a young worker, was stabbed to death here recently by G. C. Castor, who was sitting next to him at the dinner table.

Castor says that he was trying to keep free of lice that infest these forced labor camps that Rolph has established to "bring back prosperity." Boggs, whose clothing was lousy, got too close to Castor, and the latter in a fit of rage killed him.

We must abolish these camps through mass protests. But in the meantime we workers in the camps must refuse to work until the bunk houses are cleaned up and disinfected. Killing each other because we are crazy with crawling bugs will not solve our problem. Instead we must abolish the real parasites—the capitalist class—that sends us up here to work with no pay, and live in misery!

EATS FISH HEADS AND SPUDS—6 MOS. WAITING FOR JOB

Starving Worker Too Weak To Swing Shovel

Must Organize

1229 Workers Signed Up For Astoria Relief Work

ASTORIA, March 20.—After looking for work and starving more than six months, I got a chance to work on the county relief job on a road.

There are 1229 men already signed up, but only 50 men work each week. So you got to wait your turn. They gave me a shovel, but I was so weak from eating nothing but fish-heads and potatoes for six months, I was unable to swing it. all around there are idle rusty steam-shovels. I'm a shovel operator, but they told me to speed up on the hand shovel.

After working in that mud-hole a week I got so sick that I could not sleep for a week.

When we kicked to the boss about this idiotic way of taking care of the unemployed, he said, "Why don't you go back to your own country if you don't like this one?" Another worker said, "This is the worker's country. We built it, and we are going to all join the Communist Party, and take it away from the parasite bosses who think it belongs to them." The boss did not like this a bit, for he knows that as soon as we all organize together we will do just what we said.

Our first job is to stop this idiotic system of giving relief to unemployed workers that the country uses. If we don't we will all starve to death. We must all get together with part-time workers and demand from the city and county that they either give us full wages or work all the time. If a majority of the workers here in Astoria joined the Unemployed Council and showed the bosses we meant action, we'd get relief in a hurry.

—Steam Shovel Operator.

JOBLESS LOSING FEAR AS U. C. GAINS STRENGTH

Says Minimum Received by Jobless Family of Four Is Ten Dollars Weekly

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 20.—City Manager, Goodwin, answers Senator La Follette's questionnaire on relief by lies. In reply to question five, "State the amount of relief given weekly to the average family, two adults and two children," he said, "We are advised by the County Charities that the minimum amount of relief given for a family of two adults and two children is $10 a week."

The truth is that a family of two gets $2.03, $3.09 for three, $4.14 for four. No coffee, tea, butter, eggs or tobacco are given to any of the jobless families—only the plainest of foods. The workers are treated like dogs when they apply for relief, often having to wait all day, and sometimes we have to come back the second or third day for an interview. Then we are given 25c an hour in grocery order—provided it is given.

WORKERS BOLDER NOW

A few weeks ago the workers came into the charities' office meekly, speaking in whispers and appearing very timid. But the last few weeks the workers have shown a very marked change in attitude. They are no longer timid. There is a spirit of fight. The Unemployed Council has been talking to the workers. After a worker has stood in line for a few hours, he is pretty eager to hear the plans of the Unemployed Council.

—Worker Correspondent.

Woodruff Roofing Cuts Wages 20%; Fires Whole Crew

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—Last month the Woodruff Roofing Company of Los Angeles cut the wages of its workers 20 per cent.

The workers did not fight the cut, but showed they were terrified that they might lose their jobs entirely.

Today the bosses took advantage of this fear psychology by discharging the entire crew. Then they were told by the good-hearted bosses that they could work if they wished to get $2 a day.

The workers are planning to answer this attack with organization. It is obvious that if a union is not formed more wage cuts will be on the program.

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Miners Picket Scranton Mine; Defy Police Ban

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the Locust, Summit and Gilberton mines.

The militancy of the starving strikers increases daily, and new forces pour into the ranks of the militant National Miners Union, which is making sueh an heroic stand against the bloody terror of the mine bosses.

STARVATION IN THE MINE FIELDS

The outbreak of the strike in this large mine area is the direct result of the same starvation conditions which led to the strike of the Harlan miners and of the terrorizing tactics of the Harlan mine owners, who stop neither at murder nor kidnaping in their attacks on the miners of that district. The death of Harry Sims, organizer of the National Mine Workers' Union, was one of the bloody results of the Harlan terror.

TERROR GROWING

These murderous attacks are becoming daily occurrences in the mine area, and news from the anthracite fields brings daily reports of arrests, slugging and shootings by the hired thugs of the mine owners, directed against the starving mine workers.

Worker Candidate for Education Board Put Up in Richmond

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of two children. She pledges herself to fight against any form of discrimination against the children of Negro, foreign-born and unemployed workers.

Downer, the banker and capitalist candidate for the vacant post on the Board of Education, is being boosted for the job by the Standard Oil, Pullman and Ford interests that control the town. If he is elected the workers can expect a continuance of the present anti-working class policy now in force.

To counteract the boss-class campaign for Downer the banker that is being carried out extensively, every worker must vote for the working-class candidate, Florence Crook, to get better school conditions for working-class children.

Sandler to Run for L. A. Mayor

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throughout the state were cut by 16.5 per cent; in Los Angeles the cuts totaled 19.3 per cent.

"These challenging figures should awaken the workers and poor farmers of Los Angeles city and county to the menace of the Cossack Porter government to their interests. The Porter administration is largely responsible for these terrible reductions in the standard of living of the workers.

"When workers protest against unemployment and demand relief, or when we protest wage cuts, Porter unleashes the police department and its "red squad" and clubs, beats, gasses and jails men, women and children in an indiscriminate and brutal manner. Even now the Los Angeles jails are crowded with unemployed workers who tried to fight off starvation.

"Choosing another capitalist candidate cannot help. Only a working-class candidate, who understands the workers' problems, one nominated by the party of workers and poor farmers—the Communist Party—will fight to improve the conditions of the workers.

"Such a candidate is Edward A. Sandler."

Welfare Committee Forced to Grant Unemployed Hearing

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chief racketeer of the Associated Charities) decided that everything was O.K. with the relief, and that workers did not starve on shortened boxes.

By chance there were two representatives of City-charity Workers present at this meeting. They demanded to be heard and quickly punctured the soap-bubble of Wollenberg's "adequate" relief. The Public Welfare Committee was forced to agree to call a joint meeting of the Committee of City-charity Workers and the Associated Charities for an open hearing.

TAX WORKERS AND NOT THE RICH

Meanwhile the Rossi-Bosses' machine is getting busy to force a "voluntary" cut in wages of city employees, in order to "feed" the unemployed. Neither Rossi nor the Board of Supervisors will turn their faces towards taxation of the P. G. & E., or Fleishhacker interests and other rich parasite corporations, who are warming their hands at this city-charity racket of "feeding" the unemployed. Fleishhacker's United Milk Company gets a round check of over $10,000 a month for selling milk to the charities, so do other "charitable" rich wholesalers and bankers.

Such yellow boss sheets as the Examiner, Chronicle, Call-Bulletin and "liberal" Daily News got their rake-off too—$2000 for mysterious "services" to the Associated Charities.

HOW TO FIGHT FOR REAL RELIEF

Unemployed workers of San Francisco, single and married, are literally facing starvation. The bosses and their servants in the City Hall would cut off the little relief that is given now if there was no mass pressure, organized and lead by the Unemployed Councils and Workers on City-Charity Jobs. Already numerous concessions have been won by the Unemployed Council and the Relief Committee of City-Charity Workers by forcing the Associated Charities to increase the rations of groceries and to pay rent and gas and electric bills for some unemployed families.

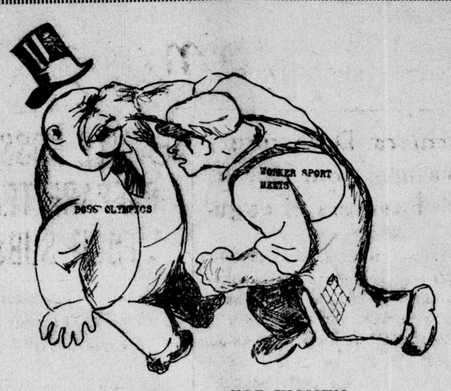
Workers must attend in mass the coming public hearings on unemployment in April and May, and demand that the Unemployed Councils should be heard at these hearings.

Amer. Legion Sets Up Fake Council To Fool Jobless

LONG BEACH, Cal., March 5.—The fake so-called "Council of Unemployed" controlled by the American Legion, is clearly determined not to get relief for the jobless, but to prevent this growing militancy from being directed toward forcing the bosses' government to grant immediate cash relief. This organization comes before starving workers and offers them a means of getting cast-off clothes and food donations from other workers still employed—thus lowering the standard of the working class by stealing the wages of one class of workers to pass out a miserable dole to the unemployed workers.

Long Beach workers should not be fooled by the slick promises of this fake "Council," which is solely interested in protecting the pockets of the bosses, but should line up with the real workers' "Unemployed Council."

Workers Sports



'Frisco Sports Club

The track and field day that was arranged for March 20 had to be postponed to April 3.

An application for a sports field for March 20 was made to the Recreation department. The answer was that they were "taxed to capacity" and we could have neither field nor gym. The committee that interviewed Mr. Lanarie was referred to the Board of Education. The woman in charge of the board informed the committee that the School Board had its budget cut and, therefore, could not afford to let the fields be used because it costs money to repair the fields. This means that the city wants to save money for the bosses, who are spending millions for the coming Olympic Games, where no workers take part, because the workers are banned from using public sports equipment.

Balboa High field applied for.

EVENTS

FOR MEN:
2 Mile Run.
100 Yards Dash.
High Jump.
Broad Jump.
Shot Put.
Javelin.

FOR WOMEN:
75 Yard Dash.
Broad Jump.
Baseball Throw.
Basketball Throw.

MEN AND WOMEN:
100 Yard Relay Race.

CHILDREN:
50 Yard Run and Games.

Indoor meet, Balboa Gym: Boxing, wrestling, apparatus work, tumbling. Main attraction, baseball game.

L. S. U. diplomas will be given to the winners.

Young workers and students! Members of sports organizations! Get yourself an entry blank from 1179 Market St., Room 603, Counter-Olympic Committee, and be at the Balboa field to take part in the various events.

Standing of Teams

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Unemployed Council North Beach Team No. 1	4	0
Unemployed Council North Team No. 2	2	0
Finnish Workers' Club	1	0
Unemployed Council Downtown	1	2
Workers' Sports Club	1	3
International Workers' Order	0	1
Chinese Youth Club	0	4

COMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 16, 8 P. M., at Francisco Junior High School Gym (Powell and Francisco Streets)—North Beach Unemployed Council No. 1 vs. Finnish Workers' Club.

Sunday, March 20, 10 A. M., at Seventh and Harrison Streets—Finnish Workers' Club vs. Unemployed Council Downtown.

Wednesday, March 23, 8 P. M., at Francisco Junior High School Gym—Unemployed Council North Beach No. 2 vs. Chinese Youth Club.

Wednesday, March 30, at Francisco Junior High School—Workers' Club vs. I. W. O.

Stockton Pioneers Ignore Threats of Boss Organization

A threat from "The Society for the Advancement of American Youth" has been received by the Young Pioneers (workers' children's organization) of Stockton. The Pioneers in Stockton publish a mimeographed booklet which they distribute in the schools. This pamphlet teaches the children about the struggles of their parents, and leads them in their struggle for free food and car-fare for children of the unemployed. The letter says in part: "We do not wish to cause any undue pressure upon you but the issuing of the mentioned publication must STOP. Please see to it that our request is complied with as we do not care to cause any trouble." The Pioneers say that if the so-called "Society for the Advancement of American Youth" was as good as its name, it would be helping them to get free food and car-fare for school children.

PIONEER CORNER

FLATFOOT TRIES TERRORIZE KIDS

A detective was sent to Washington School recently, where he made a speech against the Pioneers, threatening to send any kid who joined them to the Juvenile Detention Home. This rat later went to the home of Jose Boston and told him he better not join "because the police and the Boy Scouts were after them." He then went to another kid's home and told him to tell the police if they found any Pioneers. He also visited three homes and tried to intimidate the Pioneers there, but it will take more than this to stop workers' children from joining their own organization.

L. A. TRAINING SCHOOLS ORGANIZED

A training school for Pioneers has been organized in Los Angeles. It will be in session every day during Easter Week. There is one course for the young kids and one for the older ones, where all will receive instruction in the fundamentals of the class-struggle and how to conduct themselves in it. Get in touch with the Pioneers at 120 Winston Avenue.

START 'FRISCO LEADERS' CLASS

San Francisco now has a Leaders' Class, where all workers who want to help the children's movement will learn by the experience of others how to form and work with Pioneer Groups. It meets every Monday night at 1179 Market Street, Room 603, at 8 o'clock. Every worker's child who wants to help should get in touch with Helen Mason at the above address.

Workers' Cultural Groups Plan Coast Convention in May

The John Reed Clubs of Los Angeles and San Francisco and the Rebel Players of Los Angeles have issued a call for a coast wide convention of workers' cultural groups to be held around the first of May. All secretaries of drama, art, camera, music, literary and sports organizations, militant student clubs, language groups, and isolated comrades, writers, artists, photographers, musicians, students, etc., are requested to get in correspondence with the committee as soon as possible, that a definite place and date may be set. It is important that the West Coast send delegates to the National Convention later in the year, and that our activities be more thoroughly co-ordinated as soon as possible. **For a Militant Working Class Culture on the Pacific Coast. Intensify Our Struggle On This Front.** Address:

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With the Young Workers

LEAGUE PLENUM AND RECRUITING DRIVE; LONG BEACH WINS DISTRICT BANNER

Long Beach has won the banner because they tripled their membership in the face of police terror and because of its good composition.

The following are the results of the three-cornered competition of Oakland, Los Angeles and San Francisco:

Members Recruited	No. in Shop	Composition
Los Angeles.... 42	6	34 workers, 8 students, 4 Negroes, 4 Filipinos.
San Francisco.. 18	1	13 workers, 5 students, 1 agriculture, 1 Negro, 4 Filipino.
Oakland 19	0	9 workers, 10 students.

Further results will be published in the next issue.

The keynote of our Plenum held March 6 was the fight against bureauracy. Every comrade who spoke brought out questions that should have been solved by our organizers' conferences, district departments, etc., had they really been functioning. For instance, how to handle the Filipino and Negro question in the Fillmore section and Los Angeles.

DEVELOPING NEW FORCES

The district has now added comrades to the various district departments. Our shortcoming has been in not sufficiently drawing in new comrades, or leaving them to shift for themselves. We drew in a new comrade for trade union work, and being faced with guiding the work for the district, attempting to build up youth committees in the shops, but because he did not receive sufficient help from the district bureau he became demoralized and was almost lost to the movement. Although Los Angeles section has a greater reserve to draw on than the district, when assignments had to be made for leading work, only four or five leading comrades could be "relied" on. Since the Plenum, Los Angeles has begun to find new forces.

(Continued in next issue.)

WIN FIGHT AGAINST RACE DISCRIMINATION

A member of a Y. C. L. unit reported that the Almond Blossom Restaurant at Geary and Van Ness Avenue refused to serve food to Filipinos. The league organized a committee to expose this discrimination, composed of Filipino, Chinese and white workers.

The four white workers entered first and were waited on immediately. Later, the Filipino and Chinese workers came in, and no attention was paid to them. After waiting five minutes, they demanded to be served. The excuse was that the waitresses were busy. Five minutes later they again asked for service and were told to go to another restaurant.

The Chinese comrades then said in a loud voice, "Let's go!" Everybody in the restaurant turned around. Several white workers got up and demanded to know the reason for the refusal to serve the Filipino and Chinese workers.

When the manager saw the solidarity between the white, Chinese and Filipino workers, he decided it was best to wait on them.

SEATTLE HOLDS RECRUITING CONFERENCE

On February 14 the Young Communist League held a conference in Seattle, in line with the national recruiting campaign. In the conference the mistakes in past recruiting were analyzed, suggestions and plans were made on how to get the young workers to join and how to hold them.

The conference adopted a "Two Months' Plan of Action" which called for 200 new members, 6 section committees, 5 shop nuclei and 10 Young Pioneer troops. Portland District challenged Seattle to complete the recruiting drive by April 22.

L. A. FORMS COUNTER-OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Los Angeles Section has organized a provisional committee for Counter-Olympics. Eight organizations are represented in the boss-controlled Olympics. Negroes are discriminated against. Eddie Jolan, prominent negro runner, has to eat and sleep separately. The International Workers Athletic meet is for the workers, and every worker may participate.

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SLOW PROGRESS IN SUB DRIVE

The table below shows that only San Francisco can register any progress in the subscription campaign, having 44 new subs since the last report; Los Angeles reports 15 new subs. But what about Portland, Seattle, Salt Lake, Denver, Sacramento, Oakland, Stockton, etc.? Wake up, comrades! Take the Western Worker up in your next meeting and organize the campaign so you'll get results.

District.	Quota.	Subs Raised.	Present Total.
California	1200	450	1206
Seattle	500	87	122
Denver	500	14	24
Arizona Section	25	24	24
Miscellaneous	....	....	48
TOTAL			1424

STANDINGS OF LARGE CITIES

District.	Total of Last Report.	Increase.	Present Total.
San Francisco	368	44	1199
Los Angeles	252	15	267
Oakland	71	....	71
Seattle	3	....	3
Portland	10	....	10
Denver	4	....	4
Salt Lake	1	....	1

Units 7 and 2 were engaged in revolutionary competition to get 75 new subscribers by March 18th. Neither has yet reached the quota. Unit 7 leads Unit 2 by 19 subs; the totals are 32 and 13 respectively.

The standing of the Denver District and Comrade Babin, San Francisco, who are driving for 300 subs, is as follows: Comrade Babin 54, Denver 24.

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PUT COMMUNIST PARTY ON THE BALLOT

The workers and poor farmers of California face a serious test in the struggle against starvation and war. The test is in the ability to overcome the many obstacles that the bosses' government places to placing the Communist Party on the ballot for the coming elections. That means to collect 23,000 signatures of registered voters by May 1st. That means also to organize a big mass movement behind these signatures to assure that any attempt on the part of the government to keep the Party of the workers off will be met by the most intense resistance.

A review of the policies of the other political parties will show beyond doubt that the working class and poor farmers of California will have no opportunity to vote for a program in their own interests unless the Party of the workers, the Communist Party, is on the ballot.

REPUBLICAN PARTY RELIEVES THE BANKERS

The Republican Party is determined to carry through its policy of starvation. Through the two billion dollar reconstruction corporation they are advancing relief for the big banks and railroads. The Republican Hoover government is definitely following a policy of developing a war against the Soviet Union. From the Democratic Party little else can be expected, although it will come out with popular appeals designed to fool the workers into thinking that it represents a change. The fact is, however, that on all national and local issues of a basic character, the forces of both bosses' parties are united, as on the sales tax.

SOCIALISTS AND PROGRESSIVES TRY TO DISARM WORKERS

The so-called Progressive and Socialist Parties, which become particularly active during elections, will play the usual role of offering their services to the bosses, to bring back to the support of the capitalists the great mass of workers and farmers that are abandoning the old parties. The demagogues of the LaFollette type are now working overtime to disarm the workers, by raising fake issues designed to prevent the workers from placing their own party in the field.

The State elections in California, coming along with the presidential elections, will prove of especially great significance. Here we see the most clear expression of the bosses' policy. The government of the power trusts and bankers has forced labor camps and miserable charity for the unemployed workers but many millions in graft for the companies handed out through such projects as the Hoover Dam, Hetch Hetchy and others. In San Francisco the Rossi administration cuts the wages of more than 16,000 city employees to provide "relief" for the unemployed, but would not touch the tremendous profits of such companies as the P. G. and E., Southern Pacific, etc.

Thousands of farmers are forced into bankruptcy by the bankers.

VOTE FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO FIGHT WAGE CUTS

Only the Communist Party comes forth with the issues in the interest of the workers. If the workers turn out a big vote for the Communist Party it will go a long way not only in expressing a protest against the continually worsening conditions, but also in forcing the bosses to grant many immediate concessions. It will help to stop the nation-wide wage cutting campaign, and generally prevent the bosses from shifting the entire burden of the crisis on the shoulders of the working class.

The capitalist government, aware of the fact that in the coming elections the Communist Party will come forth more than ever before as the champion of the workers, is doing everything possible to illegalize the Communist Party, by interfering with meetings and numerous arrests and clubbings. The trial of the 45 in Long Beach has been turned into an attempt to declare the Communist Party illegal. THIS SHOWS CLEARLY THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS THE LEADER OF THE WORKERS. PLACING THE PARTY ON THE BALLOT WILL STRENGTHEN ITS RIGHT TO FUNCTION LEGALLY.

MAIN TASK IN COMING PERIOD

Placing the Party on the ballot is the outstanding task of the workers and farmers in California. The Party on the ballot will mean a tremendous victory for all workers and farmers.

It will mean placing on the ballot such issues as:

UNEMPLOYED INSURANCE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE BOSSES.
THE RIGHT OF WORKERS TO ORGANIZE.
DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND SOVIET CHINA.
AGAINST IMPERIALIST WARS.
AGAINST WAGE CUTS AND SPEED-UPS.
AGAINST RACE DISCRIMINATION AND LYNCHINGS.
FOR A WORKERS' AND FARMERS' GOVERNMENT.

Every bit of energy must be mobilized to get the 23,000 signatures by May 1st. Sign and circulate the petitions.

PLACE THE COMMUNIST PARTY ON THE BALLOT.

FORD'S 1932 MODEL

The recent blood bath at the Dearborn plant of the Ford Motor Company leaves no doubt about the fact that the multi-millionaires of America who, like Ford, having amassed millions out of the labors of the working class, now give bullets instead of bread to the hungry.

The killing of four workers and wounding many others brings to a head a long series of murders that left many dead in New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Kentucky coal fields and other parts.

MACHINE-GUNS FOR WORKERS

The name "Ford" symbolized American "Prosperity" to many throughout the world. It seemed to represent a scheme that meant a possibility for great profits along with the increase in wages for the workers and peace between the workers and the bosses. But the 1932 "Ford" presents an entirely different picture. The enslavement of the working class by a handfull of powerful corporations becomes apparent even to the most backward worker. Instead of the long-awaited prosperity so often promised by Ford and his ilk, the government of the bosses is arming to meet the workers with machine-guns.

We must particularly bear in mind that the preparation of machine guns and police was directed by the Murphy government in Detroit. It is the same Murphy government which for a time posed as a "popular government" and boasted its "well organized soup lines." Now this demagogue shows his face to the hungry masses of Detroit, behind machine guns, spitting bullets at them. The workers of Detroit now see the Murphy government as an organ of oppression in the hands of Ford and his fellow capitalists.

Ford's murderous attack is a challenge to the working class of the whole country. It is given as an example for all other capitalists to follow. Unless the mass resistance of the working class is organized, similar action will be taken at the plants of the California corporations. The results of the Dearborn massacre must be told to the thousands of Ford workers in the plants and agencies throughout the West. This must intensify the struggle for Unemployed Insurance and against wage cuts.

WORKERS ANSWER CHALLENGE

In Detroit, as an answer to this challenge, 500 workers joined the Communist Party and 500 more joined the Young Communist League. The example of the Detroit workers should be followed by the workers in every city in the country.

Build the Communist Party.

Only the Communist Party leads in the struggle against hunger.

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BY KIRBY



Tuna Fishermen Demand Living Wage

Canneries Refuse to Pay for Third of Last Year's Catch; Van Camp Company Seizes Boat and Drives Off Worker With Gun

The strike of 5,000 tuna fishermen to force the canneries to agree to a price on fish that would assure a living wage has been sold out by the union leaders, who settled on an "open ticket," meaning that the fish price would be determined AFTER the fish are caught.

Another "settlement" that the treacherous union leaders accepted is that if the money due the fishermen from last year is not paid when the boats return, the strike will be called again!

Last year fishermen received a guarantee from the canneries, but the latter held out one-third of all earnings, which they agreed to pay in December. In December they refused to pay these earnings, claiming that some of the boats had sold tuna at a price lower than that agreed. As a matter of fact, they were safe in hiding behind this technicality since in all the millions of tons of tuna delivered last year there was bound to be a slip up somewhere along the line. The quantity of tuna sold at a lower rate amounted only to a few tons and made absolutely no difference one way or another. The canneries refused to buy these few tons at blue fin prices since there was a few skipjack tuna mixed in with them, and forced the fishermen to sell at skipjack prices.

NO PAY FOR CAPTAINS—NO PAY FOR CREWS

The crews of tuna fishing boats receive their earnings on a percentage of the catch. Consequently, when the captains were not paid by the canneries the crews were not paid either.

The captains own on an average a fifteen thousand dollar interest in their boats. A tuna boat costs around seventy thousand dollars. The canneries own a mortgage on the difference. A captain's interest in his boat usually represents his life savings and if he continues to pay during all his lifetime he will probably never get his ship paid for.

CANNERIES TRY TO SEIZE SHIPS

In order to break the strike the canneries began to foreclose on their mortgages, seize the ships and put them to sea manned by scab crews. On Friday, January 29, the Van Camp Company seized the tuna boat "White Star," forced the captain ashore, and when a member of the crew returned to get his clothes, drove him off at the point of a gun.

The canneries will not agree to a price of one hundred dollars a ton for the best grade tuna and seventy-five dollars a ton for the skipjack. The difference between a living wage for the fishermen and what the canneries want to pay would amount to exactly one cent per can in the retail market. The canneries have enough canned tuna on hand to last them approximately two months.

The real danger is in the fact that the so-called leaders of the fishermen's unions succeeded in back-door negotiations with the cannery bosses, and attempting to muzzle the militancy of the strikers by confining the fight solely to legal action.

Though the so-called leaders of the fishemne's unions succeeded in their back-door negotiations with cannery bosses to sell out the workers in their "legal" settlement, the strikers have learned two valuable lessons: reactionary union leaders should never be trusted with workers' struggles, and "legal settlements" are always good for the rich bosses and against the workers.

LENIN CORNER

RABOCHAYA GAZETA, No. 4-5, APRIL 18 (15), 1911

The memory of the fighters of the Commune is not only honored by the workers of France but by the proletariat of the whole world, for the Commune did not fight for any local or narrow national aim, but for the freedom of toiling humanity, of all the down-trodden and oppressed. As the foremost fighter for the social revolution, the Commune has won sympathy wherever there is a proletariat struggling and suffering. The picture of its life and death, the sight of a workers' government which seized the capital of the world and kept it in its hands for over two months, the spectacle of the heroic struggle of the proletariat and its sufferings after defeat—all this has raised the spirit of millions of workers, aroused their hopes and attracted their sympathies to the side of Communism. The thunder of the cannon in Paris awakened the most backward strata of the proletariat from deep slumber, and everywhere gave impetus to the growth of revolutionary Communist propaganda. This is why the cause of the Commune did not die. It lives to the present day in every one of us.

The cause of the Commune is the cause of the social revolution, the cause of the complete political and economic emancipation of the toilers. It is the cause of the proletariat of the whole world. And in this sense it is immortal.

WORKERS ORGANIZATION

A STRONG MASS TRADE UNION MOVEMENT MUST BE BUILT

PARTY FRACTIONS MUST BEGIN TO FUNCTION IMMEDIATELY

The Communist Party in California exhibits its greatest weakness in the most important field of activity—the building af a strong, mass trade union movement. This weakness is present, not because the masses of workers aren't ready for struggle against constantly worsening conditions, but because the membership of the Party, and especially those comrades who are members of trade unions, underestimate the full importance of the Party and its relationship to the mass organizations.

TRADE UNION WORK MOST IMPORTANT PARTY WORK

This is clearly shown by the fact that our Party fractions, which are the levers by which the Party's policies of struggle against wage-cuts, lay-offs and unemployment, are carried out among the masses through the trade unions, are very weak. Trade union work must become the major work of the Party. The comrades who are members of the trade unions (T. U. U. L. and A. F. of L.), and who consider it below their dignity to participate in such an elementary form of organization as a trade union, are nothing but phrase-mongers, because the struggle for the immediate, partial demands of the workers is part of the general struggle against capitalism and for the defense of the Chinese Soviets and U. S. S. R.

FRACTIONS FUNCTION BADLY

There are in many sections, especially industrial sections like Oakland, not one fraction that meets or functions, with the result that despite certain gains made by the section in the participation in mass struggles, we are still nothing more than a sect. This situation is a very dangerous one when one considers the possibilities of work, the discontent of the workers, both organized and unorganized, and the isolation of the Party in the face of mass terror such as the Long Beach arrests.

Where we do have fractions, we find they meet very irregularly, with a poor attendance. The problems facing the union they are members of, are discussed very abstractedly: How to carry on work, who should be assigned for certain tasks, and the very important question of how to involve the non-Party members in the work, checking up on previous discussions, etc.

MUST TURN TO MASS WORK

All these show that our fractions are not the political factor in leading the work of the unions, but in many cases they appear only to hand out a few political decisions and disappear until the next membership meeting. Also the fact that the older members, who, despite more understanding and development, lack the initiative to carry out the work, curbs the enthusiasm of the younger Party members and non-Party workers.

What is needed is a tightening up of the ranks; the Organizing Department to really check up on the work of the fractions, and a political discussion to orientate the Party as a whole in the mass work of the trade unions. With a proper application to the problem, we can, and we must solve it.

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BOOKS

THE RISE OF HERBERT HOOVER, by Walter K. Liggett. New York, The H. K. Fly Co., $3.50, 382 pp.

The most damning chapter in this book is the one dealing with Hoover's "relief" activities in the Soviet Union. There is nothing in it, of course, which every Communist does not know; but the whole sordid and disgraceful story of Hoover's diversion of food supplies to White generals, of his deliberate attempt to starve out the Soviet Union (as his lieutenant, T. C. Gregory, by his chief's orders, succeeded in starving out the Hungarian workers), and of his grudging decision at last to allow a little food to the Russian famine victims only when there seemed a prospect of return of the oil wells in which he was financially interested, is here told in detail. Even when food at last began to trickle in through the barriers Hoover had erected, he arranged to benefit his friends by supplying corn instead of wheat (which unaccustomed diet caused an epidemic of dysentery), he diverted a large proportion of the money allotted for relief into the pockets of U. S. railroad interests, and he induced the Russian workers and peasants to eat their seed wheat by promising seed wheat which did not arrive when promised, so that the famine continued a year longer than necessary. Moreover, at a time when grain was the only easily salable product the Soviet Union had for export, and when it was vitally necessary that an export trade be established in order to secure needed imports, Hoover tried to cripple the Soviet government by making it one of his inexorable conditions for relief work that no grain whatever should be exported.

CHEAPER TO KILL

Hoover's anti-Bolshevist mania—it is well known that he spiked Charles Evans Hughes' plan for recognition of the Soviet Union when both were cabinet members—is of course quite comprehensible and to be expected in a man whose sole career has been devoted to the securing of personal fortune and power; who started his professional life by fighting unions and exploiting labor; who refused to timber mines properly in China and Australia because it was cheaper to kill workers; and who stood behind the promotion of vast grabs in the mining and oil areas of the whole world, including the Russian fields. Liggett's detailed account of Hoover's promotional activities (camoflaged later as engineering projects) builds up a terrific case against this representative of finance and capital in the White House.

CYNICAL DISREGARD OF JOBLESS

"The Rise of Herbert Hoover" is a mine of important information on the real Hoover—his bland statement in 1921, for example, that "we harbor less than a million of either rich or impecunious loafers," his abyssmal ignorance and dishonesty in the whole question of unemployment and of the present economic crisis, his hypocrisy on the Mooney case, his unprintable remark about Debs, his condonation of the unspeakable crowd with whom he served as a cabinet officer under Harding, and any number more. This is a book which every worker should read.

HOW WORKERS BECOME ENGINEERS IN THE U. S. S. R. By V. Druzhinin. Cooperative Publishing Society for Foreign Workers in the U. S. S. R. Moscow, 1932. Obtainable at the F. S. U. Library, 1179 Market Street.

This is the story of schools in the Stalin factory in Leningrad. A system of education to train workers for communist production is here developing; primary, high school, college and factory combined. Parents and children are members of the same classes, studying to become technicians and engineers.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

HELL DIVERS—Warfield Theatre.

Regulation equipment for a military movie is a "buddy" story, and "Hell Divers" is no exception. But in this yarn of naval aviators, written by a lieutenant-commander and produced with the co-operation of the U. S. Navy, definite change is made. For ten years, beginning with "What Price Glory?" and continuing up to this winter, war pictures have invariably stressed epic drinking bouts, love behind the lines, and above all glorious friendships. Nevertheless, they had a background of war, and some character other than the lad got killed. One, the famous "All Quiet On The Western Front," while retaining the usual features, went so far as to show that war is slaughter and soldiers get very scared. But why wars are fought and who fights them and for whose benefit, it dared not say.

Capitalism Prepares for War

With the third winter of the crisis showing increasing strength and organization of the workers, capitalism turns frantically to war. "Hell Divers" is the first of a series of propaganda pictures toward that end. One would never guess that armies are recruited from the ranks of hungry unemployed workers to see these rough and reckless supermen swoop dizzily through the skies in planes that are innocent as roller coasters, shooting through their machine guns, not bullets—oh, no!—but movies of the other planes.

NO MENTION OF REAL USE OF ARMAMENTS

That navies are weapons of imperialist war wherein workers kill other workers for boss class profits, not a mention. The Navy goes to Nicaragua, not to crush the revolutionary workers and peasants, as an angel of mercy, but to succor the unfortunate victims of an earthquake! And the trip to China is nothing worse than a chance to spend a two hundred dollar pay-day on some fun and beer in Shanghai.

"Hell Divers" is the perfect example of war propaganda film and sets the line for those to come—it glorifies everything and forgets to mention war.

"ARROWSMITH" United Artists Theatre

Although greatly superior to the average run of screen productions, this adaptation of Sinclair Lewis' novel is seriously defective because it pulls what barbs of social criticism that Lewis' limited outlook enabled him to put in the book. The same kind of emasculation that turned Dreiser's "American Tragedy" from an attack on the capitalistic rottenness of contemporary American life into a common sentimental murder story, has been worked on "Arrowsmith."

CAPITALISM DEBASES SCIENCE

The almost insurmountable difficulties that confront the honest scientist, which are born of subordinating research to the profit motive, and of which Lewis himself is but partly aware, are entirely absent from the screen version. Individual fools, such as Dr. Tubbs, are made to bear the blame for hampering an individual scientist, whereas a correct view would place the responsibility at the door of a social system that perverts science into a ballyhoo program for making profits.

PICTURE CONSCIOUSLY DISTORTED

The picture displays the ingenuity with which books which contain slight elements of social criticism are consciously distorted by film directors. The whole emphasis is changed so that the crimes and monstrous injustices of the present capitalistic system are made to appear as accidental or caused by individuals and not inherent in the system itself.